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Juels Peterson, 22, of London, Ont., shows her Canadian pride as people across the country get ready to celebrate Canada Day on Sunday. For a look at local celebrations, see page 12. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ANGELA MULLINS, KATIE NAIS, DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

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Fraud. Dad, daughter charged in alleged \$35M Ponzi scheme

RCMP have laid charges against a father-daughter pair accused of defrauding hundreds of Albertans over nearly a decade.

In all, \$35 million passed through the alleged Ponzi scheme and 350 people were affected. Many of them lost all of their investment, which in some cases exceeded \$100,000. "There was a variety of investments that were reported," said RCMP Supt. Eric Mattson. "From gold-mining operations to European money markets, and I would suggest in many cases (the victims) did not know what they were investing in."

Calgary residents Robert Sellars, 75, and his daughter Penny Sellars, 48, both face charges of theft and fraud over \$5,000.

The majority of victims were from Alberta, and RCMP will now use accounts from 43 of them to make their case in court. Robert Sellars previously served two years in jail for fraud after an Alberta Securities Commission investigation into related matters, Mattson said.

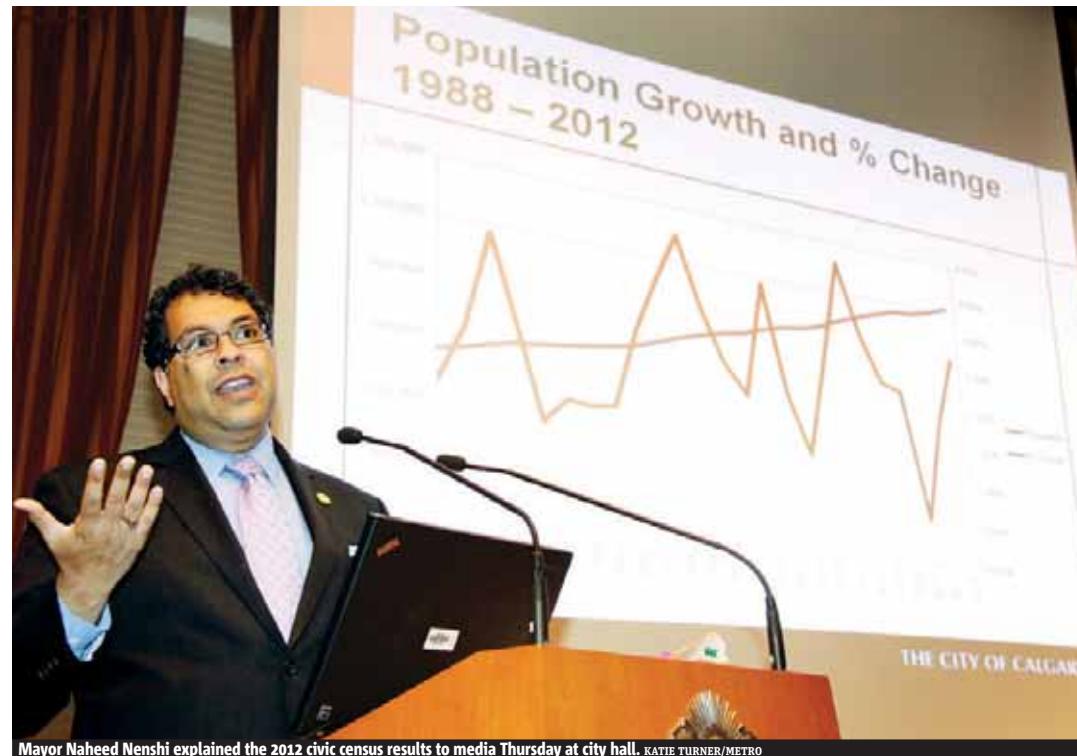
The superintendent added that the case serves as an important warning to other Albertans investing their money. "One of the big, red flags when you get involved in investments is to have very high, very sustained rates of returns on investments.... The other is if people are telling you, 'Don't talk to the police, don't talk to anyone about this, this is a secret.'"

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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RCMP Supt. Eric Mattson



Mayor Naheed Nenshi explained the 2012 civic census results to media Thursday at city hall. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Calgary's population jumps to 1.1M people

Last census. In April 2011, the city counted 1,090,936 Calgarians

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The city's population jumped by nearly 30,000 people in the last year, and statistics show choice of homes is also shifting.

Census data from April 2011 to April 2012 released Thursday show Calgary's population is now sitting at 1.12 million — a 2.68 per

cent increase. "We maintain our status as one of the largest growing and fastest growing major urban municipalities in the (country)," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi, adding housing starts in Calgary are "enormously healthy."

"We are seeing a lot of new homes being built," he said. "What is interesting is the pattern is slowly changing. Over the last 10 years, the split of multi-family to single-family homes has been one-third (versus) two-thirds." Just two years ago in 2010, the split was 20/80.

Nenshi said the move

towards developing more multi-family homes will help achieve the city's goal of increasing density. "We're certainly moving in the right direction."

The city's recently appointed general manager of planning, development and assessment, Rollin Stanley, said by any city's standards, the census results are good.

"It represents an anomaly in North America today that people are investing and staying and coming here, and we can build on that in both our new-growth areas and, equally important, in our old-growth areas," he said. "It's early days."

Booming communities

The following communities grew by more than 50 per cent in the last year:

- CFB-Currie grew by 148 residents, Skyview Ranch grew by 1,185 residents and Mahogany grew by 478 residents.
- Walden saw 341 more residents and Sage Hill grew by 764 residents.

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NEWS

On the web

Crowning 'Miss Holocaust Survivor'

Grinning and waving, 14 women who survived the horrors of the Second World War paraded in an unusual pageant on Thursday, vying for the honour of being crowned Israel's first "Miss Holocaust Survivor." Organizers have billed the pageant as a celebration of life, but the event also stirred up controversy. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story.

Mobile news



Colin Hart admits the impression his anti-cheating wedding band leaves on the wearer's finger — "I Am Married" — lasts only about 15 minutes. But, he says, bar conversations don't usually last longer than that. Scan the code to find out how he and his wife are putting a twist on traditional wedding rituals.

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Victim's brother disgusted as bail granted in Innisfail bombing case

Limited details.

Publication ban prevents disclosure of circumstances surrounding judge's decision to allow suspect out of jail

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Family members of a woman killed by an exploding package are struggling to comprehend how the man accused in her death was granted bail.

Vicky Shachay, a 23-year-old Innisfail mother, was killed last November by a bomb wrapped in a package that was delivered to her home.

Last month, RCMP announced they had charged her financial adviser, 55-year-old Brian Malley, with first-degree murder. The accused had been assisting Shachay with investing money she gained in a settlement after a 2004 vehicle collision left her confined to a wheelchair.

Derek Shachay, the victim's brother, told Metro that RCMP

Accused's details

- Bail conditions.** Brian Malley must live in a pre-approved home with a family member in Edmonton, refrain from talking to anyone involved in his upcoming first-degree murder trial and turn over his passport.
- History.** Malley worked in law enforcement, serving briefly as a constable with the Edmonton Police Service between 1979-1982.

investigators had guaranteed to him that Malley would remain behind bars for good; however, a judge granted him \$10,000 bail during a hearing Thursday.

"It's disgusting," Derek Shachay said. "What's to stop him from coming after us?"

After his sister's death, Derek Shachay described himself as being in a state of paranoia, always looking over his shoulder and fearing for the safety of his two children.

"We were so happy when they told us they had arrested somebody," he said Thursday. "And now I find out this? This is a travesty."



Innisfail mother Vicky Shachay, seen here with her seven-year-old daughter, Destiny, was killed by an exploding package late last year. The person accused in her death, Brian Malley, inset, was granted bail Thursday. METRO FILE

Oil market, economy keep it rocky: Finance minister



President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance Doug Horner announces the Government of Alberta and Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund annual report at the Alberta legislature in Edmonton on Thursday.

JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Figures released Thursday show Alberta came close to balancing its budget last year, but Finance Minister Doug Horner said it isn't smooth sailing given the volatility of the oil market and the global economy.

"We've got some rocky water to go in the next 12 to 18 months," Horner said after filing the final results for the 2011-12 budget year.

The province has been running multibillion-dollar deficits since the global economic meltdown in 2008.

The 2011-12 budget was

expected to run a \$3.4-billion deficit. But that figure ended up being sharply reduced to \$23 million, Horner said.

The change was due in large part to strong oil prices, along with higher fees and leases for private companies to drill for resources on Crown land.

The province originally estimated oil would average \$89 US a barrel for the fiscal year that ended March 31. Instead, it came in at \$97 a barrel.

The province has banked on oil prices of \$99 a barrel in the current fiscal year — and

even that would still mean an \$886-million deficit. Oil, however, has been sliding and is now hovering in the \$80-a-barrel range.

Horner said he's not panicking over the lower price. The government has many strengths, including the country's lowest unemployment rate, five per cent GDP growth and \$7.5 billion in the Sustainability Fund, he suggested.

NDP Leader Brian Mason says the government is more lucky than good. "In my view we continue to be too depend-

Funds

- Unexpected earnings.** The province took in \$3.3 billion for the Crown leases — more than double what was expected.

- Backup.** The province will draw \$3 billion from its rainy-day Sustainability Fund for cash adjustments.

ent on non-renewable-resource revenue for program expenditures," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BAD PHOTO OPS AND BATH SALTS: WHEN DID CALGARY GET SO SCARY?



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Calgary is a lot of things, but it's definitely not scary.

I mean, there aren't very many times in a day that I find myself nervous about being in a certain neighbourhood or wary about

waiting for public transportation.

Sure, there are lots of weirdos out there, but it's not very often that they're dangerous. At least, that's what I used to think. Lately, there seems to be so many stories of things that scare me about this city — and, no, none of them are taking place in Forest Lawn.

First things first, it's frightening what parents will do for a cool photo of their kids. It's that time of year when some Calgary neighbourhoods are at risk of flooding.

The rising waters can be scary on their own, but what really terrifies me is how many people will bring their kids to the river's edge, just to get the perfect picture for Facebook.

Leaving a legacy

If I happen upon someone high on bath salts and they subsequently eat my face, there's not much I can do to avoid the situation. So that doesn't really scare me. But what does scare me is that there are people who are looking to get so high that they're fine taking a drug that they know will drive them so mad as to, perhaps, eat a poor columnist's face.

Instead of bath salts, they should go to Lloyd's on a Saturday afternoon. Same effect, but with minimal flesh eating.

Then there's the scariest person of all, Bishop Henry. Not since my ill-fated career as a chess player have I been this scared of a bishop. This man — not an elected official or a doctor or a scientist — is deciding what's best for the young girls of this city.

I admit that I don't subscribe to many beliefs of the Catholic church, but if I were a parent I would be scared to let one person decide the fate of my child's health.

If he thinks that teens will remain abstinent by preventing access to the HPV vaccine, he's not only scary, he's also very, very naïve.



A man rides his bike as he approaches a parked car on 2 Street Southwest. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Cycling group mulls lane boycott over 'door zone'

Proposed bike lanes.

City's new cycling co-ordinator says alternative designs may have to be created in busy commercial zones



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One cycling group is considering boycotting proposed bike lanes in the city's downtown core, citing fear over the lanes being within the "door zone."

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"All someone has to do is open the door and I'm screwed."

Gary Beaton, Calgary tour du nuit society

Calgary tour du nuit society president Gary Beaton said the bike lanes the city is planning to put in place this year on 6th and 7th streets are too close to car parking, creating the potential for cyclists to collide with opening car doors.

"There's no room. They're putting them in the door zone," said Beaton.

"All someone has to do is open the door and I'm screwed. I can't stop, I can't

move into the lane beside me."

Fellow cycling advocate Brent Clark, president of Bike Calgary, said his organization doesn't feel the need to boycott the lanes, but he added that they try to stress the importance of safe infrastructure to the city.

"If you put a bike lane in that space next to a parked car, we believe you've got to give enough room for the

door to open and still have clearance for the cyclist," he said.

The city's new cycling co-ordinator Tom Thivener said the door zone will be a key issue moving forward.

"In the end, we may have to look at alternative designs," he said.

"In commercial areas where you have people moving their cars every 45 minutes, you have a lot more chances for conflict, so we want to design out those instances wherever we can."

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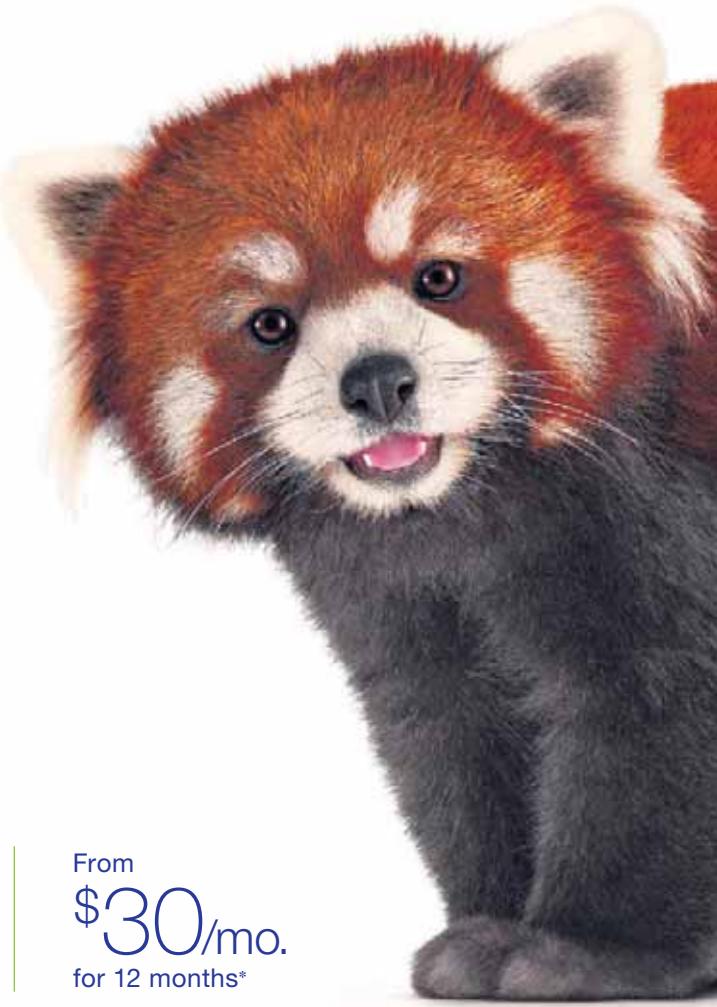
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Alberta's impaired-driving law comes into effect July 1. For a video dispelling myths about the new legislation, head to metronews.ca/calgary

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The law is about to get a whole lot tougher on those who climb behind the wheel after having one too many. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The law will be introduced in phases

On July 1, the first phase of Bill 26 — Alberta's new impaired-driving legislation — will come into effect. Going forward, stiffer penalties will be applied to drivers who have a blood-alcohol reading over 0.08 or refuse testing at all. New sanctions will also come into effect for drivers operating under the provincial Graduated Driver Licensing Program if they are found to have any alcohol in their system while behind the wheel. On Sept. 1, police will be granted new administrative powers.

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5 facts about Alberta's impaired-driving law



The penalties have changed

Alberta motorists who provide a blood-alcohol reading over 0.08 will now be subject to an immediate driving prohibition that will only be removed once the matter is resolved in court. If convicted, those drivers will be required to install an interlock device that requires a clean breath sample before vehicle ignition. As well, drivers providing a blood-alcohol reading over 0.05 will see their vehicle seized for three days. Penalties for both 0.08 and 0.05 infractions rise with each subsequent conviction.

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The legal limit will not be lowered

Police have long had the ability to issue a 24-hour suspension to drivers providing a blood-alcohol reading over .05. "Anyone who is not currently breaking the law will still not be breaking the law after Sept. 1," explained Calgary police Sgt. Rick Butler. The majority of Canadian provinces maintain an administrative penalty for .05 blood-alcohol infractions.



Calgary police Sgt. Rick Butler has been busy training local police on the finer points of Alberta's new impaired driving legislation.
JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

The province will not rake in more money through the new law

Alberta government officials actually believe implementing Bill 26 will cost them money in the short term, but hope the message delivered to impaired drivers through stricter penalties will lead to long-term cost savings in both the provincial health and law-enforcement sectors. "A big part of this is about educating Albertans," said Transportation Minister Ric McIver during a briefing on the new impaired-driving legislation earlier this month. Alberta government officials opted to focus more on sanctions than monetary penalties.



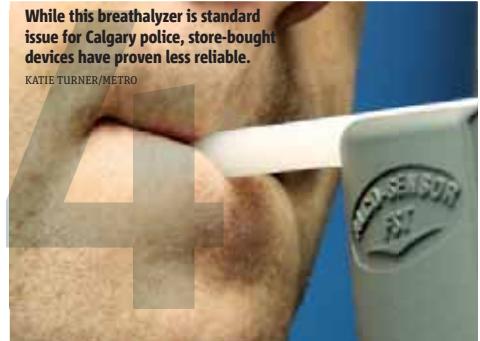
Transportation Minister Ric McIver addresses the media during the rollout of the new provincial impaired-driving legislation. METRO FILE

'With store-bought breathalyzers, you really get what you pay for'

Breathalyzers are available for purchase in some general stores and online; some Calgary bars have also toyed with the idea of installing the devices in their establishments. Police Sgt. Rick Butler said the devices can provide a decent indicator of impairment to drivers but cautioned that they will not overrule the reading on a police-issued breathalyzer. "With store-bought breathalyzers, you really get what you pay for," Butler said.

While this breathalyzer is standard issue for Calgary police, store-bought devices have proven less reliable.

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Karen McKechnie, right, meets new mom Trish Stuart and baby Olivia after she helped dad Kevin Neish, left, deliver the newborn earlier this month. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

Family meets 911 dispatcher that aided in surprise birth

Early arrival.

Emergency call taker talked new father through delivery

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Kevin Neish and his wife thought they had everything planned perfectly and every

contingency covered for the arrival of their second child.

What they didn't plan for was their newborn's rush to be born in the wee hours of June 18.

"One of the policies from our midwife group's perspective is that you would want to be in full-on labour before you go to the birthing centre," Neish said.

But the father-to-be and his labouring wife never got the chance to make that

trip. By 1 a.m. their baby daughter arrived — but not without the help of someone one kilometres away.

Thanks to the instructions and soothing voice of 911 dispatcher Karen McKechnie, Kevin Neish got a crash course in safely delivering his baby girl.

On Thursday, the Neish family met the face behind the soothing voice that gave them comfort, reassurance and helped them deliver

little Olivia Lawryn Stuart-Neish into the arms of her father a mere six minutes after the initial 911 call was placed.

"Karen (McKechnie) instantly took charge," Neish said, adding that the clearness of her voice and calm instructions were the greatest reassurance at that stressful moment.

"And that was the thing that I think was so reassuring for me — she could have been standing right there."

New dad Kevin Neish, on the 911 dispatcher who walked him through the delivery.

been standing right there," he said.

Voice of calm

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Village Brewery

Penny fundraising campaign a hit

Staff at a local Calgary brewery are busy pouring through piles of donated pennies after one month of a successful fundraising campaign.

Village Brewery came up with the idea of asking for penny donations after learning the federal government plans to phase out the coin over time.

So far, in a little over one month's time, about \$1,100 has been raised to assist three arts organizations — Fresh Bread Daily, Avalanche! and Haight Gallery.

ATB Financial has also pledged to make a donation to the groups and will also match each penny donated with a donation to local kids health programs.

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Safety alert

Police warn of vehicle and garage break-ins

Police are reminding Calgarians to take precautions to prevent vehicle and garage break-ins, after a number of instances in three communities.

Since the beginning of June, vehicles and garages were targeted at least 22 times in Willow Park, Maple Ridge and Acadia.

According to a police release, many vehicles were unlocked and offenders gained access to garages through unlocked doors or stealing garage-door openers from vehicles.

Removing all valuables, parking in lit areas, locking all doors and installing alarm systems are some steps that can be taken to protect your property, police say. METRO

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Canada Day. Events

Calgarians have plenty to do this long weekend to celebrate Canada's birthday. Here's a list of a few of them you can hit with the whole family.

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11 a.m.-11:15 p.m.

Take part in creating Calgary's largest living flag, and enjoy music, food and a variety of performances and activities, including an interactive scavenger hunt using your smartphone.

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Free pancake breakfast, bouncing castles, pony rides, petting zoo and an antique car show, as well as live music from the National Music Centre and local food trucks.



A Canadian Maple Leaf flies near on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.
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River Plaza & RiverWalk

10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Free community yoga classes hosted by Lululemon along RiverWalk outlooks at 10 a.m. and performances ranging from poetry slams to country line dancing.

East Village Street Fair

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

A wide variety of vendors and exhibitors along with music buskers, children's activities and street eats.

Fireworks

10:45 p.m.

Centre Street Bridge
ALICIA GERRIOR/FOR METRO

Man-made reservoir. Gleniffer Lake opened after oil spill

A man-made reservoir that had to be cleaned up after a pipeline leak in central Alberta is to open in time for the long weekend.

Environment officials say water-quality-test results are within provincial standards at Gleniffer Lake near Sundre.

The province had advised people not to fish or swim in the water after a leak from a pipeline earlier this month

released oil into the lake via the Red Deer River.

Officials say cleanup of the lake and shoreline by pipeline owner Plains Midstream Canada has been successful and oil is no longer being detected.

However, the far southwest corner near Dickson Point remains closed to the public.

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The room where all the action happens. MEOW Foundation's Kitty Cam shows what cats at its adoption centre are up to while waiting for their forever home.
DEBBIE NELSON

Meow Foundation launches full-time kitten cam

MEOW. Local shelter gives glimpse into lives of cats up for adoption with new Kitty Cam

ALICIA GERRIOR
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Cat fights, cuddling and playing — just some of the action you might see on the Meow Foundation's new Kitty cam.

The no-kill shelter's kitty cam gives you an all-access

look into the lives of cats currently up for adoption.

Debbie Nelson, executive director of MEOW, hopes the feed will bring much-needed attention to the organization.

"At least half of MEOW's business is run through foster homes where all of our mothers and kittens are raised. Right now, we have a great need for foster homes," said Nelson.

Nelson's plan seems to be working. The cameras have been rolling for a little over two weeks, and she said

people cannot get enough of the playful felines.

"We've had comments from as far away as New Zealand," Nelson said.

Even CBC Calgary journalist, Tara Webber is a fan of the feed.

"Hahah! Stress Reliever for your workday!" she tweeted.

"It's a good way to show what great companions cats are," Nelson said.

Nelson is working on enhancing the viewing experience for late-night fans by adding a few night lights to

Caring for cats

- MEOW Foundation has found homes for 5,479 cats since 2000

- MEOW is the only Calgary-wide no-kill registered shelter that rescues and cares for stray and abandoned cats.

the adoption room. See it at ustream.tv/channel/meow-foundation-calgary.



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Bail hearing

Man charged with killing Mounties granted bail

A judge has granted bail to a man charged with the attempted murder of two Alberta Mounties.

Sawyer Clarke Robison is to be released from custody Friday.



Sawyer Clarke Robison
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He was originally denied bail in April but applied to the courts again. Late Wednesday, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Adam Germain in Wetaskiwin approved bail on \$100,000.

Details of the bail hearing cannot be revealed due to a publication ban.

Defence lawyer Brian Beresh said Robison is not a danger to the community.

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Lane closures

Road construction on 16th Avenue to start in July

Repairs on the 16th Avenue North bridge over Deerfoot Trail will begin July 6 and be completed by Sept. 15, weather permitting.

The deck repair and concrete overlay will see

eastbound lane closures on the north side, moving to the south side of the bridge at the beginning of August.

According to a release, large commercial vehicles will not be able to move from Deerfoot Trail south to eastbound 16th Avenue for the duration of construction. All other turning movements will remain open.

Periodic lane closures

on Deerfoot Trail will happen during non-peak hours, with the speed limit reduced to 50 km/h.

Construction won't impact westbound 16th Avenue. **METRO**



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Motorized armchairs a taste of what's to come at festival

Beakerhead. Preview period for new festival will showcase what's possible when creativity and technology collide

 **KATIE TURNER**
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This takes couch potato to a whole new level.

Two Calgary men have created a set of motorized living-room furniture, and they're looking to teach others how to build their own moving armchairs.

Jim Akeson said he and Mike Hermann initially built their first motorized armchair a few years ago when Akeson, who refurbishes motorized wheelchairs for donation, had spare parts

Pop-up plays

As a teaser to the 2013 launch of Beakerhead, pop-up plays will be taking place for six days across the city beginning July 3.

- During the first of the secretive pop-up plays, Beakerhead will reveal an 11-metre-long mechanical snake called Titanoboa.
- Information will be provided on Twitter: @Beakerhead

lying around.

Fast-forward to the fall of last year and that first green velour armchair was steered across the stage by the Discovery Channel's Jay Ingram as he introduced a new arts and engineering festival to Calgary called Beakerhead.

While the festival doesn't launch until September 2013, program manager Jasmine Antonick said they are starting to give Calgarians a taste of what is possible when creativity and technology collide.

Akeson and Hermann will be co-hosting a workshop with Beakerhead July 7 and 8, teaching others how to build their own mini-robotic chairs.

"Who doesn't want their armchair to drive them down to 7-Eleven to get some chips?" said Antonick.

When he heard about Beakerhead coming to Calgary, Akeson said he thought the idea was brilliant. "Bringing art and technology together is a fantastic idea," he said. "It's exactly what I was looking for."

For more on Beakerhead, and to register for the Chair Wrangler Workshop, visit beakerhead.org.



Beakerhead's Jasmine Antonick sits in a motorized armchair built by Jim Akeson, left, and Mike Hermann.

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Product recall. Bacteria found in hand sanitizer used in public areas

A hand sanitizer meant to protect people against germs is being recalled because of microbial contamination.

Kimberly-Clark is recalling its Kleenex-brand Luxury Foam Hand Sanitizer after company testing detected bacteria that may pose serious risks to people with weakened immune systems.

Health Canada says people with the lung disorder cystic fibrosis are especially vulnerable.

The affected hand sanitizer comes in one-litre and 1.2-litre containers, and is used in large-volume dispensers, such as those found in public areas and workspaces.

The recall affects about 430

Low risk for most

- The bacteria identified in the tested samples are from the *burkholderia cepacia* group. These bacteria pose little risk to healthy Canadians, as their bodies are able to successfully fight off infections, Health Canada said Thursday.

containers, which were distributed to retail stores and wholesalers across Canada. Companies or individuals should remove the product from use.

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Grounded

Flight diverted due to windshield crack

An Air Canada flight traveling from Toronto to London was diverted to Halifax early Thursday because of a crack in the cockpit's windshield.

A spokeswoman for the

Halifax Stanfield International Airport says officials received the call about the diversion around 3 a.m. and Flight 862 landed safely at 5:17 a.m.

Air Canada regional spokeswoman Isabelle Arthur says no emergency was declared, and the flight proceeded to Halifax without incident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Class-action lawsuit against cellular giants can proceed



A web page is displayed on an Apple iPhone on Thursday. The Supreme Court is allowing a class-action lawsuit against Canadian cellphone companies over system-access fees to proceed. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Supreme Court

Judges allow 2004 case against Canada's major wireless carriers after several appeals

The Supreme Court of Canada is allowing a class-action lawsuit against Canadian cellphone companies over system-access fees to proceed.

The suit against some of the country's biggest wireless carriers, including Rogers, Telus and Bell Mobility, was launched in 2004.

The companies appealed the certification of the suit all the way to the Supreme Court, which dismissed the appeal Thursday — paving the

Out of appeals

"We are confident the case is without merit and baseless, at least as it (relates) to Telus."

Telus statement

way for it to proceed.

As is customary, the high court did not provide reasons for its decision.

The suit alleges the cellphone companies wrongfully collected the fees from customers, which were in addition to other monthly fees for phone service.

It calls for the respondents to be reimbursed.

The lawsuit claims that monthly "system-access fees" were created in response to annual fees charged by the government.

However, "these fees amount to less than 20 per cent of the additional charges being charged to their customers under the guise of government taxes," the claim says.

The access-fee charge, typically \$6.95, "bears no relation to any actual cost of providing wireless or cellular services, but was an amount selected ... by the defendants to proliferate the misrepresentation (that) ... charges were being collected as a tax on behalf of a government agency."

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Families mourn as outrage mounts in Elliot Lake



A man lays flowers at a memorial site the day after the recovery of two bodies at the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refugee care. Students send 59 cents to Harper, ask others to do same

A group of university students in Winnipeg is sending 59 cents to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and wants other Canadians to do likewise.

The students at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding at the Canadian Mennonite University say that's all it would cost every Canadian a year to restore health-care benefits to refugees.

Starting Saturday, Citizenship and Immigration Canada will stop paying for supplemental health benefits for refugees during their first year here.

The cuts prompted health-care professionals to rally across Canada, including in Winnipeg at The Forks on June 18.

And it inspired the students to take action — they created a video, now posted on YouTube in which they ask all Canadians to send 59 cents to the Prime Minister's Office "to let him

What's it worth to you?

59¢

The anticipated saving of cutting the program works out to \$20 million a year; divided by Canada's population, that equals 59 cents per person, student Matt Dueck, 25, figured.

know that we will not stand for these cuts."

It shows people finding loose change in couch cushions and sock drawers, then mailing it to the prime minister.

"We believe that if Canadians stop to consider the effect which these changes will have on the most vulnerable portion of our global society, that our country's annual savings of 59 cents per person to keep the federal Interim Health Program open for refugees will be seen as insignificant," the video says. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Fundamentally unsound

A west-end Toronto house will be demolished after it slumped toward the home next door during renovations to the foundation. The home at 63 Maria St. was under renovation when it shifted too far to be salvaged.

ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Blame game begins.
Mall owner's lawyer
admits the collapse
'will undoubtedly
lead to litigation'

An array of accusations from local residents, death threats against a mall owner and the prospect of a class-action lawsuit all collided in the aftermath of a deadly roof collapse in Elliot Lake in northern Ontario Thursday, even as the province promised to scrutinize every angle of the tragedy.

Those closest to the victims, however, said their many unanswered questions could wait while they mourned.

"Frankly, I myself have a lot of unanswered questions. Now is not the time to be asking those questions," said an emotional Gary Gendron, whose fiancée Lucie Aylwin was killed in the collapse at Algo Centre Mall. Gendron did

Unanswered questions

**"The basic question is:
why did this happen and
why was this permitted
to happen?"**

Ontario New Democrat Mike Mantha. His constituency office was in the mall, and he said there were numerous complaints from residents about the mall's condition.

add, however, that he hadn't considered his fiancée's place of work a safe one.

"I think myself, that mall should have been closed a long time ago," he said, drawing cheers from a group of local residents. "People made a lot of complaints about the mall but nothing changed."

After an arduous five-day rescue mission which ended with the retrieval of two bodies, Premier Dalton McGuinty promised Thursday that the province will "carefully review" how it responded to the collapse.

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B612 Foundation advances asteroid-seeking telescope

Ideas. Who will protect us from killer space rocks? A team of former astronauts and NASA scientists thinks it's up to them



Ed Lu of B612 Foundation shows a model of the Sentinel Space Telescope.
PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a bold plan unveiled Thursday, a group of former NASA employees wants to launch its own space telescope to spot and track small and mid-sized space rocks capable of wiping out a city or continent. They could sound early warnings if a rogue asteroid appeared headed toward our planet.

So far, the idea from the B612 Foundation — named after the home asteroid of the Earth-visiting prince in Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's *The Little Prince* — is on paper only.

Such an effort would cost upward of several hundred million dollars.

Asteroids are leftovers from

the formation of the solar system some 4.5 billion years ago. Most reside in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, but some get nudged into Earth's neighbourhood.

NASA and a network of astronomers routinely scan the skies for these near-Earth

objects. They've found 90 per cent of the biggest threats — asteroids that are considered major killers. Scientists believe one such asteroid wiped out the dinosaurs.

But the group thinks more attention should be paid to the estimated half a million smaller asteroids — similar in size to the one that exploded over Siberia in 1908 and levelled more than 2,071 square kilometres of forest.

Since its birth, the foundation has focused on finding ways to deflect an incoming asteroid. Ideas include sending an intercepting spacecraft to aiming a nuclear bomb, but none have been tested. Last year, the group shifted focus to seek out asteroids with a telescope.

"We're not all about doom and gloom," said chairman Ed Lu. "We're about opening up the solar system. We're talking about preserving life on this planet." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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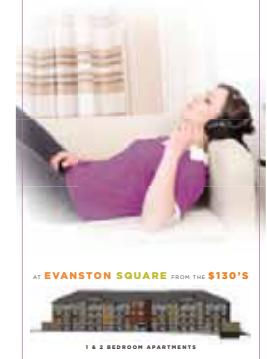
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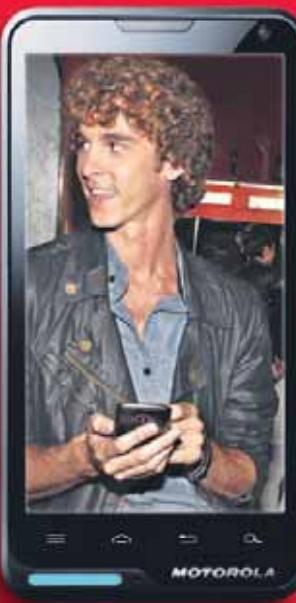
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Turkey deploys heavy weaponry to Syrian border as tensions rise

Former allies.

Turkey now among strongest critics of Assad regime; violence in Syria has claimed some 14,000 lives

Turkey deployed anti-aircraft guns, rocket launchers and other weapons along its border with Syria on Thursday.

It was a military buildup that came as world powers showed new urgency to resolve the crisis in Syria before it ignites the region.

A bomb exploded in central Damascus near a busy market and the country's main justice complex, wounding at least three people, damaging cars in a parking lot and sending a black cloud rising above the Syrian capital.

It was not clear who was behind the bombing.

Much of the violence that has gripped Syria since the



Syrians inspect burned cars at the site of a blast in the Syrian capital of Damascus on Thursday. MUZAFFAR SALMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

uprising began in March 2011 has been sanctioned by the government of President Bashar Assad to crush dissent.

Rebel fighters are launching increasingly deadly at-

tacks on regime targets, and several massive suicide attacks this year suggest al-Qaida or other extremists are joining the fray.

Turkey, a former ally of

Syria, has become one of the strongest critics of the Assad regime, and tensions between the two countries spiked following the downing of a Turkish military plane

last week. A small convoy of Turkish military trucks towing anti-aircraft guns entered a military outpost on the border opposite a similar Syrian outpost. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tinderbox

More and more flee Syria

The UN refugee agency says the number of people fleeing the violence in Syria could double to 185,000 by the end of the year.

Agency officials say the number of refugees who have fled Syria has already doubled to 96,000 since March, forcing them to redraw their plans for how best to help — and the amount of money they will need to provide the help.

A UN official praised Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey for "tremendous generosity" by providing refugee camps and other help.

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Screaming pilot pleads not guilty to interfering with JetBlue flight

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No trial date has been set. Osbon faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.



Clayton F. Osbon
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Mentally competent.
Passengers had to wrestle man to the floor after he yelled about Jesus, al-Qaeda

A JetBlue Airways pilot who left the cockpit during a flight and screamed about religion and terrorists has pleaded not guilty to interfering with a flight crew.

Court records show Clayton F. Osbon entered the plea at his Thursday arraignment in federal court in Amarillo, Texas.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled earlier

this month that Osbon is mentally competent to stand

trial. Her ruling followed a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation.

Osbon was indicted after a March 27 incident on a flight from Las Vegas to New York City.

Passengers say they had to wrestle him to the floor after he left the cockpit mid-flight and ran through the plane's cabin yelling about Jesus and al-Qaeda. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



B.C. area braces for rising waters, flooding

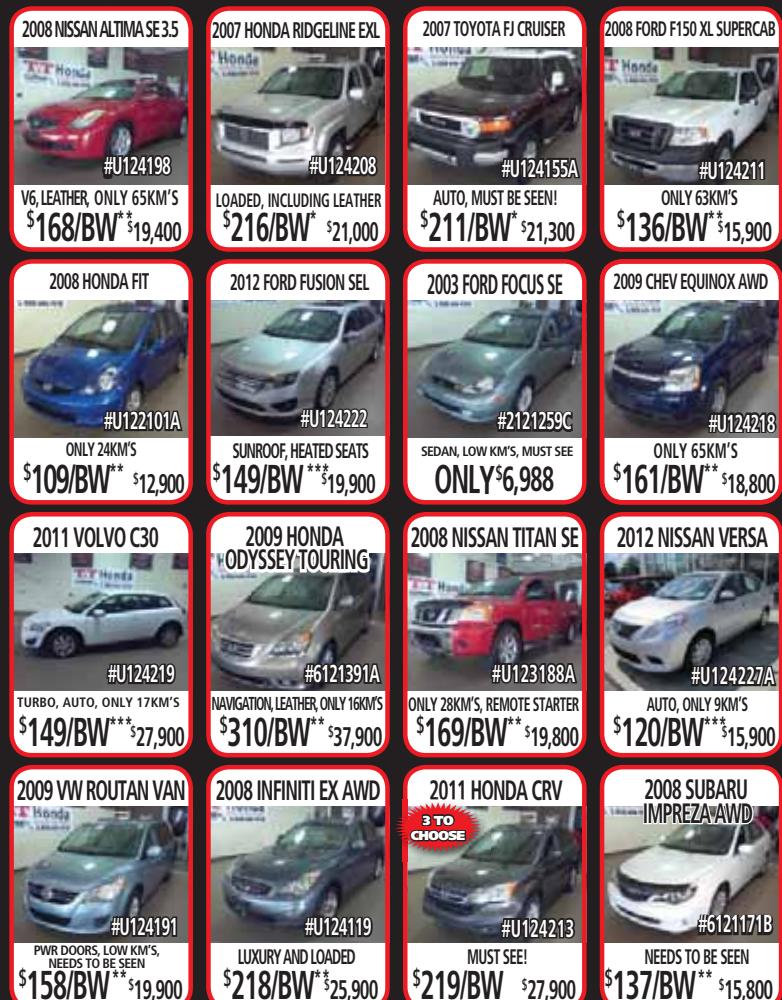
Flood waters from the Fraser River surround a farm in Chilliwack, B.C., on Thursday. Fraser Valley residents are bracing for a weekend of rising waters and potential flooding. **JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

British ex-minister sold info to communist spies, files say

The British government said Thursday it would investigate claims a former cabinet minister sold information to communist spies for a decade during the Cold War in clandestine meetings in cocktail lounges and swank restaurants.

The BBC reported that files in the archive of the Czech Security Service show that Raymond Mawby, an ex-Conservative Party lawmaker who briefly served as a junior minister in the mid-1960s, provided intelligence to spies working for Czechoslovakia — then a communist state — for a decade from around 1961 to 1971.

According to the files, Mawby offered information on his colleagues and even provided a sketch of the layout of the prime minister's office. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Mexican cartels use scare tactics to sway local vote

Fear. Candidates dealing with threats ahead of Sunday's state elections

Before the sun climbed above the hills around the central Mexican town of Emiliano Zapata, Saul Garcia and his family awoke to the sound of bullets piercing the front gate. A masked motorcyclist had opened fire on their brick home, leaving behind a poster signed by the La Familia drug cartel, warning the mayoral candidate to withdraw from the race or the gang would kill him, his wife and three children.

Garcia, a candidate for the local Social Democratic Party, didn't pull out. A state police officer now follows Garcia 24 hours a day while he courts voters on the steep and narrow streets of Emil-

No party immune

Drug cartels aren't political, they're practical.

- Officials from all three major parties have either been accused of drug-gang ties or have come under attack.
- Gangs support candidates they can buy off or scare off.

iano Zapata, a suburb of Cuernavaca in the state of Morelos.

As Mexicans head to the ballot box Sunday, drug cartels are registering their votes with scare tactics and cold, hard cash to make sure whoever is elected doesn't interfere with their lucrative operations. The focus is usually on local politics, where officials and their police de-

partments can cause problems, or smooth the way, for gangs moving drugs or shaking down businesses. It's also easier to influence a local race than an extensive, well-financed national election in the glare of media coverage.

Election violence this season has flared in Morelos and in other states where voters will choose six governors and hundreds of mayors and council members. While the federal government does not track the number of candidates threatened, there have been scattered reports of attacks or threats against politicians and campaign workers in several states.

Drug cartels have bribed officials for decades. The Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, ruled Mexico for 71 years, and in those days, cartels didn't need to pay attention to the electoral season.

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 Google co-founder Sergey Brin
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Web wars

Google releases Chrome browser for iPhone, iPad

Google's Chrome browser can now be used to surf the Internet on the iPhone and iPad.

The Chrome application released Thursday is the latest volley in the escalat-

ing rivalry between Google and Apple, the maker of the popular mobile devices.

Google's attempt to supplant Apple's own Safari browser comes a day after it unveiled its plans to sell a low-priced tablet computer to compete against the iPad and Amazon's Kindle Fire.

The arrival of Chrome on Apple's mobile operating system comes a month after Yahoo! released a browser

called Axis for the iPhone and iPad.

Unlike Axis, however, Chrome already has emerged as one of the most popular alternatives to Microsoft's Internet Explorer on traditional computers.

Google revealed Thursday that Chrome now has 310 million active users, up from 160 million a year ago.

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Bad trade

JPMorgan Chase shares fall on report of \$9B loss

JPMorgan Chase stock declined more than two per cent on Thursday, making it one of the worst-performing banks, after a published report said its loss on a bad trade could be far higher

than the bank first estimated.

The New York Times, citing an internal report at the bank, reported that the loss could reach \$9 billion US.

JPMorgan Chase stock closed down 90 cents, or 2.4 per cent, at \$35.88. Financial stocks as a group lost 0.2 per cent. JPMorgan traded at about \$41 before the loss was disclosed and has closed as low as \$31 in the weeks since. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research in Motion still stumbling

First-quarter results.

Troubled tech firm's shares plunge after news of deep job cuts and postponed launch of the BlackBerry 10

Research In Motion is delaying the launch of its much-anticipated BlackBerry 10 handset until next year and cutting 5,000 jobs as it restructures operations, the troubled smartphone company said Thursday.

The launch of BlackBerry 10, seen as key to the recovery of the company, had been expected later this year and will now miss the important holiday shopping season.

This was a challenging

quarter for the company on many fronts and I'm not satisfied with the financial performance we are reporting," chief executive Thorsten Heins said on a conference call.

Heins said the company's top priority is the launch of the first BlackBerry 10 device, which it has pushed to the first quarter of 2013.

The company also plans to simplify its operations, which includes cutting back on the number of different BlackBerry devices on the market, as well as outsourcing more of its non-core functions.

RIM shares plunged 16 per cent in after-hours trading on the Nasdaq, losing \$1.50 to \$7.63 US. Shares closed up two cents at \$9.46 on the TSX in regular-hours trading Thursday.

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WestJet CEO gets hands-on with the Q400

WestJet Airlines president and CEO Gregg Saretsky looks at a tongue-in-cheek "Sold" sign on Bombardier Aerospace's Q400 aircraft in Calgary on Thursday. WestJet will begin receiving the Q400 for its new regional airline in 2013. WestJet has signed a conditional order for 20 Q400 NextGen turboprops.

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The Quebec-based subsidi-

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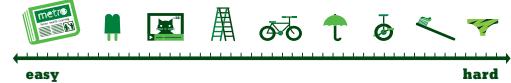
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On Wednesday it was the Canada Day List, highlighting 10 great things about Canada. Today it's the Metro List, our authoritative tally of the most noteworthy events of the week.

1 You want a list? I'll give you a list. Because we're so big on lists around here, we tip our hats in the general direction of the Maclean's Book of Lists, which, even though it's from the competition, is the Mother of All Lists, including 12 things you didn't know were invented by Canadians, the top-10 crying hockey players, eight Canadian sitcoms that sucked and seven facts about winning the lottery. Plus it hits the stands on Canada Day (see above).

2 Obamacare. The president's medical-coverage scheme survives the U.S. Supreme Court. Now it's the law that every American must have health coverage. It's kind of like being a Canadian. Too bad Fox and CNN, in the race to be first, got it dead wrong, reporting that SCOTUS struck the law down and then correcting themselves. Red faces all around.

3 Speaking of Obama. A poll says 65 per cent of Americans think he'll do better than Mitt Romney if there's an alien invasion. Either they believe he was born in Kenya, and is therefore an alien himself, or they think Romney would declare all the aliens illegal and deport them back to Alpha Centauri.

4 He's not crying. Sidney Crosby signs a deal to make \$104 million US to play hockey for the Pittsburgh Penguins for the next 12 years. Gordie Howe, a 23-time NHL all-star, made \$100,000 in his highest-paid season. In his 103-point best year, he was the third-highest paid guy on the team, making \$45,000.

5 Tennis, anyone? Wimbledon considers introducing a court-side grunt-o-meter to measure the decibel count on grunts from female tennis players. Maria Sharapova can hit decibels — 101 — greater than a jackhammer and a motorcycle.

6 The Algo Centre Mall. The commercial heart of Elliot Lake, Ont., collapses. Tragedy strikes anyone, any day, but can't we make sure that malls don't collapse? Like, build it right to begin with.

7 Naked truth. The Canadian national women's rugby team bares all for a fundraising calendar. The Canadian national men's rugby team promises not to publish a naked calendar if we give them money.

8 Bieber Watch. Justin Bieber enjoys the year's biggest debut as his latest album, Believe, sold 374,000 copies in its first week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan. I wonder who'll buy lunch at the Overpaid Café: Justin or Sidney? Sigh.

9 Happy Canada Day. Bonne Fête du Canada. Pāomā jiānādā guóqīng rì.



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Brittany Waters, a winger with Canada's national women's rugby team, strikes a pose for a 2013 calendar the team is selling as a fundraising tool on the road to the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

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New cable car gets a blessing



Sky opens in London

New cable car to brighten the city

It's a heavenly sign of good times to come, or at least that's what London's ruling officials want. The U.K. capital opened its first cable-car service on Thursday, a stunning ride across the River Thames that will cater to tourists visiting the nearby Olympic Park. METRO

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Fly flags: Unionized bus workers protest in front of cable cars. GETTY IMAGES

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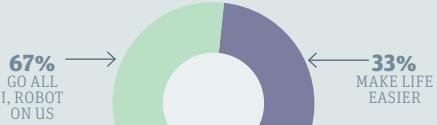
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Over-bearing humour?

Ted. Without network censors on his case, Seth MacFarlane lets the politically incorrect jokes fly in new comedy

Richard: The novelty of watching a stuffed bear spout words that would make a biker blush fades soon after the opening credits. After that the movie relies on Seth MacFarlane's trademarked blend of awkward, inappropriate humour to get laughs, and you know what? It works. I didn't feel good about laughing at some of the gags, but I laughed. You?

Mark: Yes, I laughed. There are some very good jokes in the movie, although the film isn't as innovative as it wants us to believe. It's very similar to movies like You, Me, and Dupree which asks the main character

Synopsis

When John Bennett (Mark Wahlberg) was a small, lonely child, he wished for just one thing — a best friend. His wish came true, and Ted (voice of Seth MacFarlane), his trusty teddy bear, came to life. The pair became "Thunder Buddies" for life, which causes problems when John grows up and moves in with his girlfriend Lori (Mila Kunis). After four years of living with John and the pot-smoking, foul-mouthed Ted, she makes an ultimatum: it's either her or the stuffed, stoned bear.

• Richard: •••••

• Mark: •••••

to choose between his romantic interest and boorish but lovable best friend. In this case the best

friend is a teddy bear, but the dynamic is the same. If you've ever loved one of those dirty ventriloquist acts this movie is surely for you. But the bottom line is: I laughed.

RC: Fans of Family Guy already know what to expect from the big screen directorial debut of Seth MacFarlane. As the writer and the voice behind Peter Griffin on that show he has redefined the limits of what is acceptable on prime-time TV. Now, imagine that without a network censor looking over his shoulder. It's not the concept that pushes the envelope it's the material. It's filled with the kind of jokes you tell around the water cooler the next day, but only in a whisper.

MB: And three cheers to MacFarlane for it! Most movie comedies confuse political incorrectness with cheap gross-out humour but MacFarlane

is closer in tone to the South Park creators — there isn't an ethnic or special needs group left unscathed. Animators have known for a long time that when you put these jokes in the mouths of non-humans, it takes away enough of the sting to let them slide. Anything in particular make you laugh?

RC: Like any five-year-old I always giggle at flatulence jokes. I'm not proud of it, but there you have it. They make me laugh and Ted has a restaurant scene involving gassiness and some outraged businessmen that is to passing-gas-scenes what the Odessa Steps sequence is to Battleship Potemkin.

MB: You just made Eisenstein roll over in his grave. I loved the wisecracks and most of the flashback scenes. But the over-the-top motel room fight between man and teddy bear will stay with me forever.

SCENE

Scene in brief

Snoop detained in Norway?

Norwegian media are reporting that Snoop Dogg was briefly detained in Norway after entering the country with marijuana and a large amount of cash. Customs officials decline to confirm the report, saying only that an American artist entered Norway with a small amount of marijuana. Norwegian law prevents law enforcement officials from naming suspects. A customs officer who spoke on condition of anonymity said Thursday that the artist was also carrying more cash than is legally allowed and was subsequently fined \$8,600 for the violations. Snoop Dogg was scheduled to perform Thursday at a musical festival in the town of Kristiansand.

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Richards channels her inner Tyler Perry

Madea's Witness Protection

Actress talks about the most awkward scene she was handed in the latest installment of the Madea franchise

AARTI VIRANI
Metro World News in New York

As she munches on Peanut M&Ms, exchanges a quick word with her publicist and taps out a lightning-fast text message — “I’m so sorry, just making arrangements with the kids,” she blurts — Denise Richards is every bit the multi-tasking mom. But in a matter of hours, she’ll dial up the glamour, working the red carpet for the premiere of *Madea’s Witness Protection*, the seventh installment in Tyler Perry’s ever-expanding franchise.

Out Friday, the raucous comedy is centred on George Needlemann (Eugene Levy), an honest but absent-minded Wall Street CFO, who learns his firm is operating a mob-backed Ponzi scheme. When Brian, a federal prosecutor from Atlanta (Perry) places George and his family in the safest hideaway he can think of — his Aunt Madea’s down South — what unfolds is a whacky collision of cultures, punctuated with brazen one-liners, courtesy of Perry’s fearless, larger-than-life matriarch.

“I haven’t seen (the film)



Madea's Witness Protection Program opens today. HANDOUT

yet,” confesses Richards, 41, who plays George’s aggravated second wife, Kate. “My girls won’t be embarrassed? Like, ‘mom, you’re acting really weird?’” she asks with a self-conscious giggle. She’s referring to an especially outrageous scene where Kate channels Madea’s thunderous, trademark holler in a last-ditch effort to discipline her spoiled stepdaughter (Danielle Campbell). “Thank god they sprung that scene on me on set, otherwise I would’ve gotten myself worked up,” she admits. “It was intimidating. I was imitating Tyler Perry imitating Madea.”

Richards sings sweet praises for Perry, marveling at his

Amicable exes?

Richards guest stars on ex-husband Charlie Sheen’s highly-anticipated comeback sitcom, *Anger Management*, which made its debut this week. “If it gets picked up, I’ll be a recurring character,” she says enthusiastically. “I think people will be surprised to see Charlie playing a different character, it’s not what they’re expecting.”

seamless ability to write, direct and simultaneously play three

characters (in addition to Brian and Madea, Perry also portrays Uncle Joe, Madea’s eccentric, live-in brother). “He’s so sexy, he’s got this great presence and powerful voice,” Richards gushes, describing Perry’s charismatic, off-screen persona. “And to go from that to Madea and Joe telling fart jokes...I’m like, how does that come out of you?”

Equally impressive was the director’s ability to wrap-up shooting a week ahead of schedule — practically unheard of in Hollywood. “We finished early!” Richards exclaimed. “(Perry) was editing in his head. To have that foresight is incredible.”

Whirlwind cameo. Tom Arnold agrees to role out of curiosity

For comedy stalwart Tom Arnold, all it took was a few, focused hours to shoot a pivotal cameo in Tyler Perry’s ensemble comedy, *Madea’s Witness Protection*.

“I came to Atlanta on a Saturday night and left the following day,” explained the 53-year-old actor, recalling his whirlwind trip. “I did it to see what Tyler was like.”

Fortunately, Perry exceeded his expectations, whether he was directing the cast in his outrageous Madea costume, urging them to ad-lib or just “being a cheerleader,” as Arnold describes.

“I didn’t know Tyler and I wanted to see if he was up for improvising, and he was more than up for it,” he added. “There are lines that I made up and saw in my finished scene. Some writers are like, ‘I wrote every word, I’m Bill Shakespeare,’ but with Tyler, the best joke wins.”

In the film, Arnold plays Walter, the seedy boss to Wall Street CFO, George Needlemann (Eugene Levy), and chief schemer behind their firm’s mob-backed Ponzi scheme — foul play that eventually forces the Needlemans to seek refuge with Aunt Madea (Tyler Perry). “I play a younger, more handsome, Bernie Madoff-type guy,” says Arnold, exuding his signature brand of kooky, tongue-in-cheek humour.

No stranger to stories about fitting in — as the host of CMT’s highly successful reality show, *My Big Redneck Vacation*, the star is well acquainted with the notion of culture-shock — Arnold is an enthusiastic supporter of



Tom Arnold GETTY IMAGES

this type of storytelling.

“At least 50 per cent of movies are fish-out-of-water tales,” he declares. “The key is to find different pools for the fish to jump in and if it’s done right, people like it.”

These days, Arnold’s balancing a plate that’s practically overflowing, complete with stand-up gigs, script-writing sessions and the occasional movie role. Later this summer, he’ll appear in the Kristen Bell-Bradley Cooper *Hit and Run*. “It also has a bit of a witness protection twist to it,” he shares, amused at the parallels between an outlandish comedy and a slick action-romance.

Despite decades of being steeped in Hollywood (and scoring a Golden Globe and Peabody along the way), Arnold’s still setting goals, turning to writing on especially tough days. “You have to prove yourself in this business,” he admits. “And apparently I have to do it for 30 years.” **AARTI VIRANI, MWN**

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Take This Waltz

Director. Sarah Polley

Stars. Michelle Williams, Seth Rogen, Luke Kirby

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Actor-turned-filmmaker Sarah Polley's follow-up to *Away From Her* is as poignant as her Oscar-nominated debut. Delving into themes of emotional turmoil, the drama explores a married woman (Michelle Williams) and her repressed desire to seek fulfillment in a bohemian artist. While the premise reeks of convenience (they meet in Halifax only to discover they're neighbours!), Polley's script carries a soft intensity while the cast (particularly Williams) make the film worth waltzing to the multiplex for.

STEVE GOW



People Like Us

Director. Alex Kurtzman

Stars. Chris Pine, Elizabeth Banks, Olivia Wilde

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Sam (Pine) is a selfish salesman who only cares about money. So when his dad passes away and leaves him \$150,000, Sam is over the moon — until he finds out the fortune is for a sister he never knew he had. Unsure if he'll give up the money, Sam develops a friendship with his sister, Frankie (Banks), but doesn't reveal their true relationship. Banks is delightful as a fiery single mom, but the film is too long and there are a couple of unnecessary characters that distract from what could have been a decent drama.

REGAN REID



Magic Mike

Director. Steven Soderbergh

Stars. Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey

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It would be challenging to make a truly serious movie about male strippers and luckily, director Steven Soderbergh doesn't. A semi-autobiographical story about its chiseled star Channing Tatum, *Magic Mike* explores the struggle of an "entrepreneur" whose real dream isn't to dance on top of furniture but to build it. It loses strength when the plot turns transparent but the cast (particularly Matthew McConaughey) really has their mojo working.

STEVE GOW



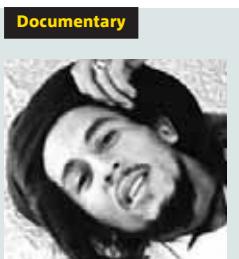
Safety Not Guaranteed

Director. Colin Trevorrow

Stars. Aubrey Plaza, Mark Duplass

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Based very loosely on a real classified ad seeking fellow time-travelers, *Safety Not Guaranteed* focuses on a group of magazine upstarts investigating the ad's eccentric author. Aubrey Plaza (TV's *Parks and Recreation*) and filmmaker/actor Mark Duplass (Cyrus) as the would-be explorer gives the film a sweet, resonant likeability but the alluring peculiar plot loses punch with an overly sentimental finale.



Marley

Director. Kevin MacDonald

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For a man whose music and image are as internationally recognized as Bob Marley's, there's a lot about the singer's life that remains unknown to his legion of fans. And after decades of letting outsiders fill in those gaps, the reggae legend's family has chosen to tell their side of the story. *Marley* is as all-encompassing and exhaustively researched a doc as one could imagine. Director Kevin MacDonald (The Last King of Scotland) is able to weave Bob Marley's complicated and multifaceted life into a thoroughly enjoyable documentary.

IAN GORMELY

"I recall very, like, method-y, whispering conversations between Alex and Michelle before the first take, and then she slapped the (crap) out of me..."

"There's something to be said for it, because there really is no way to duplicate the shock of that."

Chris Pine on being slapped by Michelle Pfeiffer in one of the first scenes of the film *People Like Us*, directed by Alex Kurtzman.

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Andrew Garfield stars in *The Amazing Spider-Man*, which hits theatres next Tuesday. HANDOUT

Andrew Garfield spins a nervous web

The Amazing Spider-Man. Actor had plenty of anxiety over doing justice to one of his favourite comic book characters

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News in New York

Now that *The Amazing Spider-Man* is finally about to hit theatres, it seems as though star Andrew Garfield will at last be able to get a full eight hours of sleep.

"I've been nervous for the last two years, it seems," he explains. "Every day, there's been something that's made me have to suppress shaking."

Garfield's not the kind of actor who comes off as disingenuous — unless of course, it's in the script. But his naturally quiet, smart, somewhat befuddled nature comes across in his iteration of Spider-Man, who's more fidgety and anxious than the Spideys before him. That aspect of the masked hero's DNA was what Garfield held on to.

"That was how I always felt growing up — I felt like an underdog. I was a skinny kid. I always thought I should have been bigger for some reason, because society tells you that," he says. "I played rugby, and I was good at it but I got concussed all the time because I was a weakling. So that was something that I identified with for Peter, because he felt stronger on the inside than he did on the outside ... and there's nothing better than seeing a

weakling, he might have been at one time, but Garfield will be poised for superstardom should this reboot of Spider-Man franchise take off.

Garfield's not the kind of

skinny guy beat the crap out of big guys."

Staying grounded

Andrew Garfield has made a vow that he'll audition for every role he's interested in — an unconventional practice for well-established actors. "I've had to work for everything that I've been a part of and this is what's satisfying about it, because you know that they really looked at everyone, and you are the right person for that particular story and that particular moment."

Emma Stone. Actress has fun falling in love all over again — for the first time

Emma Stone has quickly become one of the most in-demand actresses in Hollywood. Since her breakout role in *Superbad* in 2007, she's not only racked up a number of lead roles, such as in *The Help* and *Easy A*, but she's also been nominated for a slew of awards for her work. Today, she sits atop a major comic book franchise with Andrew Garfield in the reboot of *The Amazing Spider-Man*. But she's no role model, folks.

"I don't in any way shape, or form think that I'm any type of a role model or anything like that," she says emphatically. "But I think for whatever reason when you're put into a public place, you have to figure out what that purpose is in your life."

Stone remains focused on her career, expressly stating that she won't talk politics. However, a new contract she's signed with Revlon does give her the opportunity to say something about beauty, even if she seems quite unaware of her own appeal.

"I thought why in the world would I be approached for a beauty campaign, because I had always been the funny girl. That's not to put myself down; that was always the way that my brain worked," she says. "Then I thought about Diane Keaton for L'Oréal and Ellen

"This kind of swept me off of my feet because she is truly in love with him," Stone says of her and Garfield's characters. "I wanted to experience that feeling of first love before you know what it's like to get your heart completely shattered — that life or death love. It's a matter of un-learning, and becoming 17 again, and letting yourself be 17 in this moment. It's fun, you guys should try it; it's pretty cool to feel that way again."

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Emma Stone plays Peter Parker's first love, Gwen Stacy. HANDOUT



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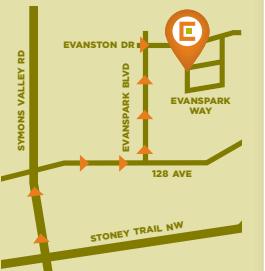
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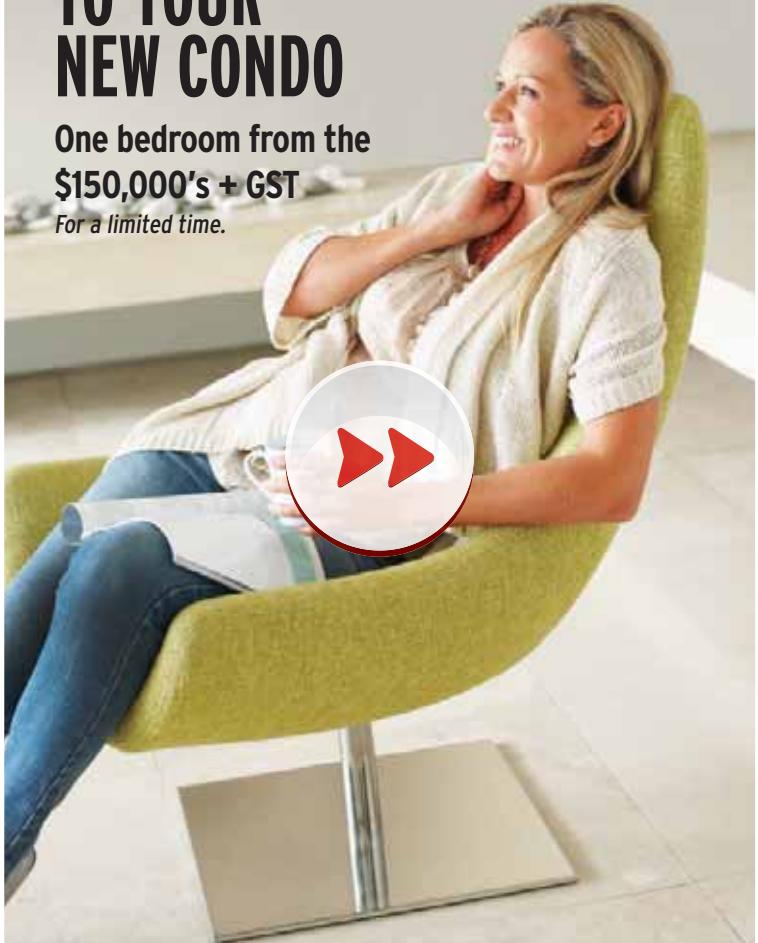
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Oliver Stone takes issue with wars — even when they are wars on drugs

Savages. Filmmaker's latest project takes a fictional look at Mexican drug cartels moving into the U.S.

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Oliver Stone is no stranger to controversial topics — or controversial films. In his latest, *Savages*, he takes on the ongoing, bloody Mexican drug war with kidnapping and violence erupting when a cartel attempts a hostile takeover of two Stateside growers (Aaron Johnson and Taylor Kitsch) and the girlfriend they share (Blake Lively).

How do you go about approaching such a real, current and deadly topic with a fictional film?

Well, we're based on a book,

so this is not a *Traffic*-like approach docudrama about the situation. We really took on a hypothetical fiction. This movie was about a situation that could happen but hasn't happened, which is that a cartel would move in on some niche, boutique growers, independent growers who grow high-grade product here in the United States.

What are your own feelings about the drug war?

Well, you'd have to go back to 1969. Why do you have to declare a war on drugs? I didn't understand it, and I don't know why America loves the concept of war — war in Vietnam, war in Iraq, war in Afghanistan. It's just endless wars. By fighting a war you put a huge amount of money in, the budgets go up and a lot of corruption ensues. That's the history of war. Not only that but America has screwed itself by creating a prison system that's out of control and a Drug Enforcement Agency that is well beyond in-



Savages opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

sane in terms of creating scenarios. And you have also hurt Mexico deeply because you created corruption on a huge,

vast scale in Mexico as well as driving up the price of herbs like marijuana. It could cost a lot less.

What about the prospect of marijuana legalization in the States?

I don't see much progress

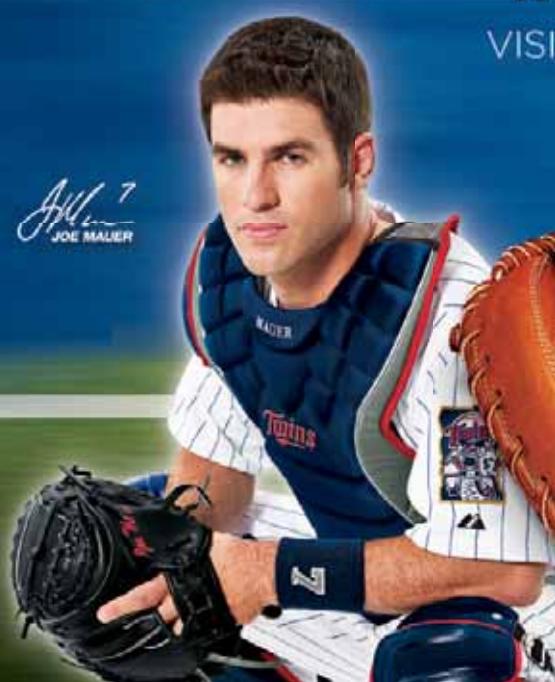
recently, with the Obama administration going against it. The California state laws are far more liberal and hopefully will prevail in the progressive movement, but with an election? Forget it. Stupidity rules. It's the lowest common denominator. At the very least, decriminalization. How about that? Let's empty the prison population, which is enormous in this country.

Of course, marijuana isn't the only drug fueling this situation.

How about differentiating marijuana from cocaine? Let's start with scientific analyses about marijuana and its true effect. That would be a very sane place to start this argument. Cocaine is another version of another kind of thing, and I do think it should be medicinalized as well because there's huge amounts of money to be made otherwise. So if it could be taxed and medicinalized and used sanely, it would make sense.

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Five fierce silver-screen redheads

Brunettes have the mystery, and blonds have more fun, but it is redheads that we associate with passion. We take a look at five famous ones from the movies that exude the sexy, fiery attributes of redheads of popular imagination, like Katherine Hepburn, Emma Stone and, uh, Woody Allen.

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Redheads have always captivated on the screen, from 1940s sexpot Rita Hayworth, to '80s teen queen Molly Ringwald, to Mad Men's queen bee Joan Harris.

But with Pixar's *Brave* coming out this week — and among its more appealing visual elements being the wild mane of long, red curls on the head of Scottish princess Merida — summer 2012 could be shaping up to be the season of the redhead.

So that got us thinking about other famed auburns.

There are too many to choose from but we only get to pick five. Sorry, Carrot Top.

Katharine Hepburn

The classic redhead, even though it may not have been obvious in her early, black-and-white movies. Hepburn's hair — along with those sharp cheekbones, bright eyes and tall, athletic frame — gave her an aura of patrician and strength. In colour films, the red locks magnified her fiery persona, contributed to the sense that she was not a woman to be trifled with. And even in later films like 1981's *On Golden Pond*, when her tresses had faded a bit, she still exuded an air of irreverence and unpredictability.



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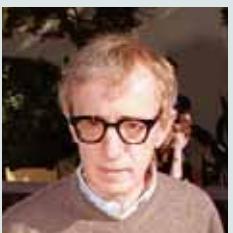


Nicole Kidman

We see her as a blond sometimes: on the red carpet for the Oscars, for example, or in her upcoming movie *The Paperboy*, for which she bleached her locks platinum. She switched to a medium-brown shade for the biopic *Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus*. But for the most part, Kidman's raven hair is a key component of her signature, statuesque look. In early films like *Dead Calm* and *Days of Thunder* the prodigious nature of her red curls signalled the presence of someone fierce and formidable. But she's also smoothed them out and tamed them to a softer strawberry shade for movies including *To Die For*.

Emma Stone

A redhead on the rise. Yes, she's back to her natural blond hair for her latest role in next month's *The Amazing Spider-Man*. But in the movies that put her on the map — *Superbad*, *Zombieland* and especially *Easy A*, the high school comedy that made it clear she's destined for superstardom — her red hair adds to her sly, subversive allure. More mature roles came along last year in two big movies: *The Help* and *Crazy Stupid Love*. Her entire vibe suggests that she'd just be a cool chick to hang out with, and a lot of that has to do with the intriguing contrast of her dark red hair and bright green eyes.



Woody Allen

They can't all be women, right? He's 76 now and the years have understandably greyed him, as evidenced this week as he appears on screen in his latest movie, the ensemble comedy *To Rome With Love*. But in his earliest films, like 1971's *Bananas* and 1977's *Annie Hall*, the shaggy red hair combined with the eyeglasses, you can see the demeanour and the delivery that creates his trademark, neurotic persona. While red hair can seem so exciting on women, Allen's contributed to the sensation that he was an underdog, someone you always want to root for to get out of a predicament or fall in love.

Jessica Rabbit

So maybe she's not a "real" person (although she's inspired countless real fantasies, not to mention naughty Halloween costumes). But we have to admit that when we started pondering the notion of movie redheads, this cartoon character's name is the first one that popped into our heads. The femme fatale from Robert Zemeckis' 1988 film *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, a groundbreaking mix of live-action and animation, simply oozes sex appeal, especially as voiced by Kathleen Turner. Crucial to her look is her long mane of wavy, red tresses, which cascade down all the right places on her curvy frame.



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Broken dreams on the big screen

Liz Phair music. Artist on soundtrack of Alex Kurtzman's *People like Us*, which follows a man who discovers he has a half sister

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Liz Phair might not be used to the luxuries of promoting a major motion picture.

"Can I steal a water? I lost mine somewhere along the way," she asks, eyeing a tray of drinks on a side table in a suite at the Four Seasons.

"This is so much easier than my normal life. I love this. Rock and roll is, like, way worse," she confides. "If I were doing any kind of

stuff gearing up for a release, it would be like phoners to death, just on and on and on, you'd do 50 million of them."

After nearly three decades in the rock world, Phair finds herself in Hollywood for the first time, penning Dotted Line, the closing track for Alex Kurtzman's *People Like Us*. Writing for a movie was new territory for Phair — and that's just how she likes it.

"The whole way along, I felt like I'd stumbled into something where I was out of my depth, which is my favorite thing," she says. "I throw myself into the deep end of the pool all the time, but it's always scary."

What was scary, it turns out, was seeing an earlier version of the movie at a Dreamworks screening room with Kurtzman in tow. The writer-

director had approached her early on in the process, Phair remembers.

"Alex called me almost a year and half before it was finished. I didn't know what he wanted with me. I was like, 'Sure, I'll go to lunch at Dreamworks,'" she says with a laugh and a shrug. "He said that he'd been listening to my music when he was trying to write the character of Frankie (played by Elizabeth Banks), and that my rock persona helped him get into her. And damned if he didn't hit every one of my issues in the film."

"I didn't hear from him for many months, and then he called and said, 'Do you want to see a cut?'" she remembers.

And so it was back to Dreamworks.

"I bawled my eyes out in a dark room with these two men who were completely unmoved — they were like, 'We should start this shot sooner,'" she says.

Quote

"There are so many broken people in music, but they're doing something beautiful with that brokenness"

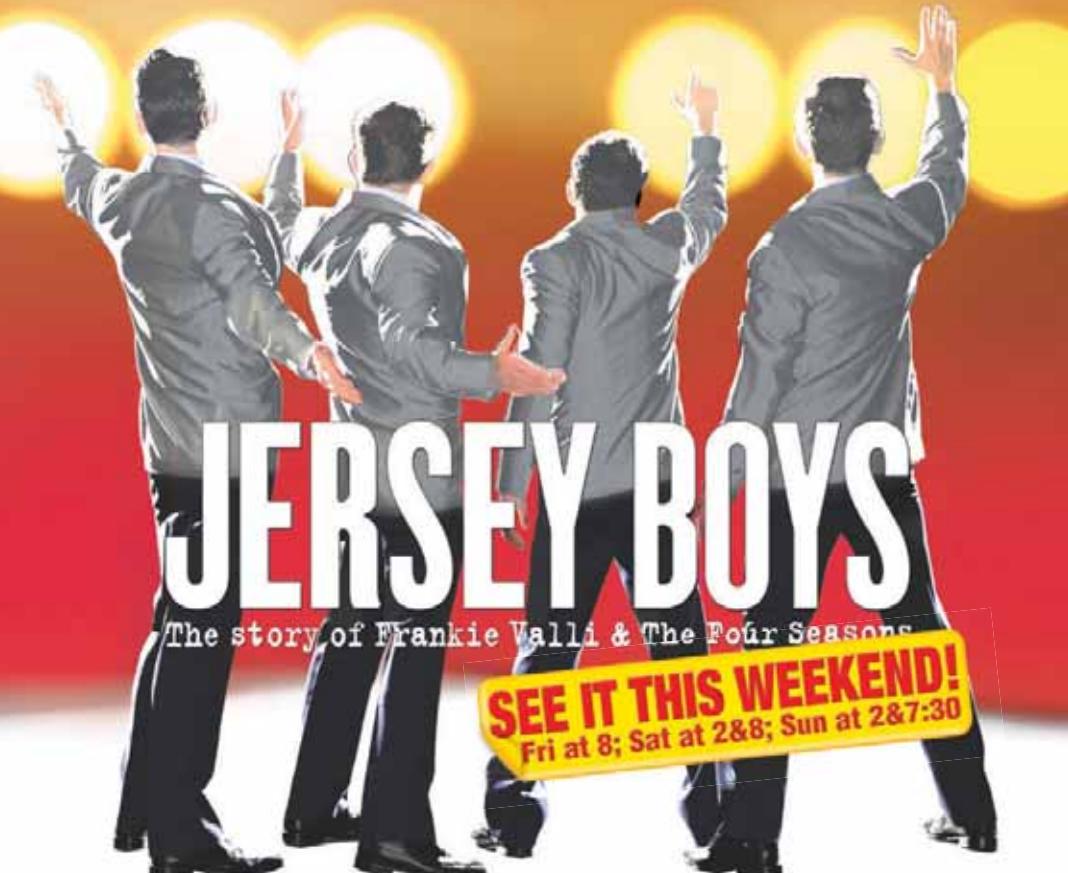
Liz Phair

People Like Us follows two adults (Banks and Chris Pine) as they discover that they are half-siblings after their father, a successful rock producer, passes away. And that character, who looms over the story without actually being in it, is a familiar one to Phair.

"There are so many broken people in music, but they're doing something beautiful with that brokenness," she says.

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Sound Check

Canada finally getting music hall of fame



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In a speech at the Empire Club last week, Conrad Black mused "Canadians are notoriously non-messianic or self-important, and have no illusions about being a light onto the world."

That's a bingo. How else to explain that the Canadian Music Hall of Fame doesn't have a proper home? Despite Canada punching far above its weight when it comes to exporting music to the world, we've done a lousy job of documenting our nation's musical achievements.

That, however, is finally starting to change. The National Music Centre in Calgary is seeing to that. Later this year, construction will begin at a corner east of downtown on a 160,000 square-foot ultra-modern facility that will span 4th Street SE from what is now an empty lot to the King Edward Hotel, a legendary (but now closed) blues joint. When completed sometime in early 2015, we will have a state-of-the-art celebration of Canadian music.

"This will be more than a place with just plaques on the wall," says Andrew Mosker, the NMC's president and CEO. "We want to make it completely immersive and interactive."

Some \$75 million is



A rendering of the Hall of Fame.

already in place from three levels of government and public fundraising. There's still another \$40 million to go, but things look bright.

There will be a 300-seat theatre, a recording studio, a live-work block for artists in residence, a multitude of educational facilities and a large collection of artifacts relevant to our musical history.

And it's more than just rock. There's country music, classical music and jazz (gotta get Glenn Gould and Oscar Peterson in there). Visitors will also learn about the effect geography and multiculturalism has had on our music.

"It's quite a broad vision," says Mosker, "and it will take a lot of work to execute. But we'll do it."

Meanwhile, NMC HQ — located a few blocks west of where the new building will rise — is open for business. They have one of the most spectacular collections of keyboards you will ever see. There are proto-pianos from the 16th century, Theremins from the 1920s to giant component synthesizers from the 1970s (including the actual synth used in Close Encounters of the Third Kind). The original Rolling Stones mobile recording truck is parked in storage somewhere, too.

Everyone else should check out nmc.ca.

Call Me Maybe the summer's biggest hit

Pop music. Carly Rae Jepsen speaks about the song that has suddenly come to define your favourite months of the year

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Metro World News

When we reached out to Carly Rae Jepsen to talk about Call Me Maybe, her suddenly ubiquitous smash, which is No. 1 for the third straight week in a row, we told her that Metro readers had named it the song of the summer, and we'd love to ask her a few questions about it.

Call me, maybe, we said. She was too busy, caught up in the whirlwind that sudden international attention demands, but she asked if we would settle for an e-mail interview. Even in electronic correspondence, the bubbly persona she projects in her hit song comes through.

Hello Carly Rae Jepsen!
Congratulations on pretty much having locked up the honour of Song of the Summer with Call Me Maybe.
Oh wow! Thank you so much. It definitely has been quite the ride. Happy to hear it makes the summer playlist!

I've seen that you've said you were shocked about the song becoming No. 1, but when you wrote it, did you



Carly Rae Jepsen arrives at the 2012 MuchMusic Video Awards at MuchMusic. JAG GUNDU/GETTY IMAGES

have any idea that it would be a hit?

I co-wrote Call Me Maybe with two of my best friends: Josh Ramsay and Tavish Crowe. None of us expected this. We enjoyed the writing and production process and thought it was a fun one, but that's about it.

What time of the year was it when you wrote it?

It was written in the summer time. Started out as a folk song that Tav and I were jamming to while on tour. Then

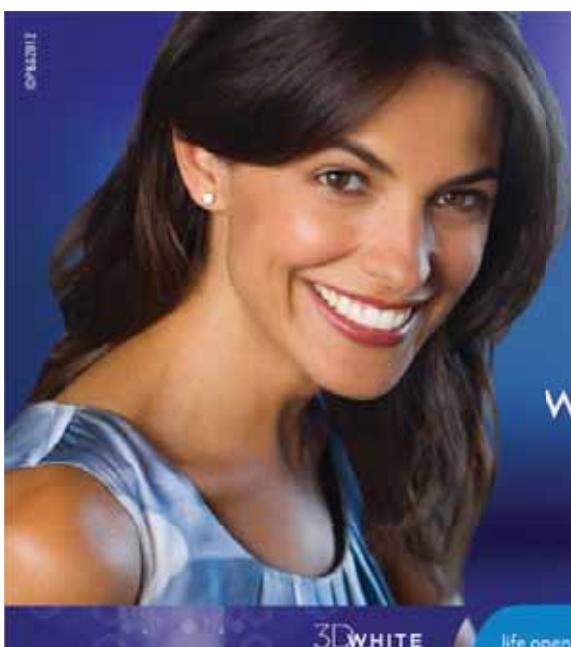
we showed the idea to Josh and he helped us popify it!

There's one part in the 21 Jump Street movie where Jonah Hill's character, as an older undercover cop, calls a girl in his class, and she says something to the effect of, "What are you doing? Nobody calls anybody anymore!" Was there any thought that using the phrase "call me" might seem outdated to kids? Was there ever a draft of the song that was Text Me

Maybe or anything?
Nah, text me doesn't sing as well.

There have been so many tributes and parodies of Call Me Maybe, which one is your favorite?

That's hard to decide. I like the video with Justin Bieber, Selena Gomez, Ashley Tisdale and the guys from Big Time Rush. It was sort of the video to spark them all so it's special to me. That being said, the Katy Perry one makes me smile too.



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LL Cool J: 'I want to connect musicians everywhere so there's no limitations'

Social media

phenomenon. LL Cool J wants you to make music together (traditional studio optional)

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LL Cool J's dream came to fruition last week with the release of his new software, Future Sounds My Connect Studio, a

Google Docs-meets-Pro Tools software that allows any two artists in the world to create professional-quality tracks together live.

The rapper said at the software's introductory press conference last week that he want-

ed to use the Internet to break down the walls that had previously made recording music difficult. Traditional studios, he said, cost too much time and money, and digital collaboration was limited to unwieldy back-and-forth emails between



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him and his producer.

"I want to connect musicians everywhere so there's no limitations, there's no barriers to them connecting with each other," LL Cool J said.

My Connect Studio comes from Boomdizzle — a social media site where musicians can collaborate, rate each other's music and publish tracks to iTunes — which LL Cool J co-founded in 2008. Sony then integrated My Connect Studio as part of its Vaio E14P laptop. The software also interacts with Facebook and uses Microsoft Cloud hosting.

Would the rapper have used My Connect Studio as an up-and-coming artist?

"There's no way I would let this opportunity pass me by, you know what I'm saying?" LL Cool J told Metro. "I'd use it for everything it had and try to make the best music I can make, let the chips fall where they may after that."

However, My Connect Studio is not without its limits. Currently, the software is PC-exclusive and only available through Sony's VAIO laptop, al-

Rapper's other plans

A new album

LL Cool J also coyly revealed that he's been working on a new album, some of which will be recorded using My Connect Studio.

"I'm gonna do a little bit of the album on the 'Studio' and make sure that it's official," he said with a smile. "As a matter of fact, I started on my album, too. It's authentic hip-hop. It's the business."

though LL Cool J said that a Mac version of the software was in the making, as well as mobile and tablet forms. Only two artists can collaborate in one session at a time, but LL Cool J said that project engineers were working to enable more people to work together live.

LL Cool J said that the use of the software would be free in the initial release period, and eventually users would either subscribe or utilize a pay-as-you-go alternative by the hour.

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LL Cool J

On whether or not he would have used My Connect Studio as an up-and-coming artist

Twins for True Blood couple

Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer are reportedly expecting twins — and it was one of their True Blood co-stars who let the news out.

Sam Trammell, who stars on the HBO series with Paquin and Moyer and is a father to twins himself, tells Us Weekly he's been doing his best to prepare the parents-to-be.

"It's harder, having twins, but it's all we know. So we're trying to impart some decent wisdom," Trammell says.

"I told them to hold on tight."



Brand calls for British revolution against Royals

Russell Brand is unimpressed with the British Royal Family and thinks it's time for a change. The recent Diamond Jubilee, celebrating the Queen's 60-year reign, didn't help matters, either.

"People need to have things to celebrate otherwise we realize that we are oppressed and unable to express ourselves freely be-

cause we are at the behest of all these corporate entities," Brand says in an interview with Conan O'Brien. "So yeah, have a party to distract us from the fact that we're being tyrannized, why not?"

So what's Brand's solution? "It's time for a bloody revolution," he says. "It only takes one to chop off someone's head."

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Kelly Osbourne explains drunk flight

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After sobbing over a pile of cocktails on a recent flight, Kelly Osbourne wants to clear things up.

The reality show star — who has been to rehab for drugs, but admits to

drinking moderately — tells Radar Online that she had been doing research about multiple sclerosis after her brother's diagnosis and became overwhelmed.

"On the plane I started looking at the website," she tells the site. "It described how bad certain cases of MS got, and it made me lose it."

Kelly, the next time all you have to say is, "I was thousands of feet up in the air in an insane machine that doesn't even have the courtesy to flap its wings." We've had that cry.



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lohan settles 'hostage' suit

Better late than never: Lindsay Lohan has finally reached a settlement for a lawsuit relating to a 2007 reckless driving incident during which she took three men "hostage" while chasing down her assistant, according to TMZ.

The incident resulted in Lohan's second DUI arrest. On the night in question, the three men arrived at a party in Malibu just as Lohan's assistant quit her job and drove off. Lohan reportedly commandeered

the men's car — with them in it — to make chase.

During the chase, the men say Lohan was "hostile," declaring she "didn't care about the risk of death" and saying "she was a celebrity, she could do whatever she wants."

She was later arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

Lohan has reportedly agreed to pay off the three men, though the sum was undisclosed and a dismissal is expected to be filed soon.

Spice up your life!

After announcing an upcoming musical featuring their songs, the Spice Girls are auctioning off their iconic outfits for charity.

According to the Daily Mirror, Sporty is handing over some Adidas pants

and sports bras, Baby is kicking in a frilly dress and Ginger is parting with her signature Union Jack dress.

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What is your ideal topping?

We asked Twitter: There's cheese curds and gravy, but what extra ingredients would you add to poutine to make it spectacular?

- @Metrick_System: Shawarma poutine?
- @bertiec1: BACON.
- @Roxxanao: salsa, guacamole and sour cream! Mmm #TexMex #poutine
- @_Shereen: Hot sauce #poutine
- @AdamWeitner: anything more just ruins it in my opinion. More is not always better!

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On the web



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Nothing says O Canada like gravy, cheese curds and fries

Poutine. Three Canadian chefs tell us what topping makes it the perfect dish

It's uniquely Canadian and in its purest form consists of three simple ingredients. But chefs are getting a lot more creative with poutine toppings. From bacon, and pulled pork to vegan gravy and mushrooms, if you can dream it, it can probably top your poutine.

"I like poutine with smoked meat in it. It substantiates the dish, soaks up some of the juices, keeping the fries a little crispier. Call me biased, but fries, cheese, gravy and smoked chicken makes for a fabulous dish."

David Neinstein of Barque Smokehouse

"Today, poutine can have almost any topping you can think of: Pad Thai Poutine, Butter Chicken Poutine, Braised Beef Cheeks Poutine and on and on. I have many favourite additions such as crispy pork belly, sticky beef short ribs and duck confit with green onions."

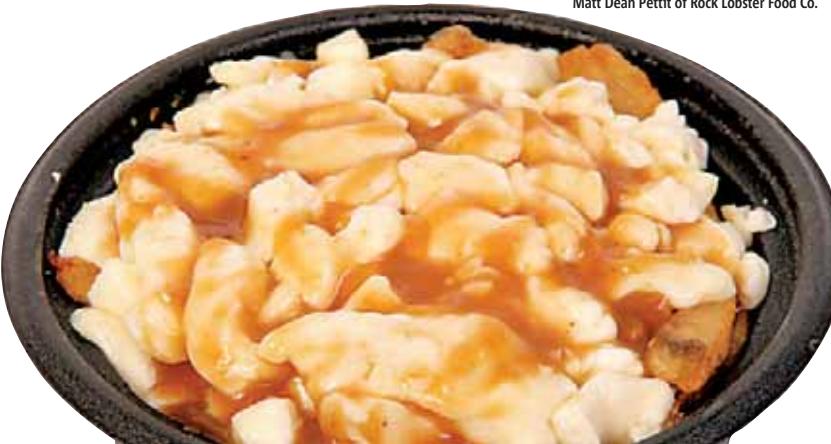
Stephen Pynn of Bannock

"For me, the perfect topping is an easy choice — lobster! As Canadians, we have a few national foods that everyone can identify and are familiar with: poutine and lobster. Why not combine them both? You are taking a classic poutine and adding a serious flavourful kick. That's easily my favourite poutine."

Matt Dean Pettit of Rock Lobster Food Co.

History

The dish originated in rural Quebec in the late 1950s. Several Québécois communities claim to be the birthplace of poutine, including Drummondville and Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. One often-cited tale is that of Fernand LaChance, from Warwick, Que., who claims that poutine was invented there in 1957 when he exclaimed, "ça va faire une maudite poutine" ("it will make a damn mess"), hence the name.



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Drinking the red & white



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Oh, Canada, I remember a day when your wine looked like 50 shades of varnish and tasted almost as bad. We should all be happy that times have changed.

Canada Day is an excellent opportunity to drink to the flag and with family being such a big part of a long weekend, I can't think of a better place to start than Sibling Rivalry from Ontario's Henry of Pelham.

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Smokehouse. Neinstein's version boasts tasty smoked chicken



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2. Strain fries and pat dry. Fry potatoes in two batches 4 minutes at a time. Let the oil heat up between batches. Place fries on paper towel to cool, season liberally with salt and paprika.

3. While fries are cooling, follow demi-glace instructions to make gravy and add a table-

spoon of chopped thyme.

4. Pull meat from chicken, discarding the skin.

5. Fry potatoes second time, also in two batches, at 360 F until golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes. Place fries on paper towel to cool, season liberally with salt and paprika.

6. Place fries in heat-proof dish, sprinkle pulled chicken, then dot with cheese curds and place in oven 3 minutes, watching

that it does not burn. Remove from oven and top with gravy.

RECIPE COURTESY OF DAVID NEINSTEIN

Ingredients

- 2 russet potatoes, cleaned and cut into 3/8 inch sticks
- 3 litres vegetable oil
- Package powdered demi-glace
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The much anticipated 80th & Ivy Wine Kitchen opened its doors this past week on 17 Ave. (1127-17 Ave. SW). Created by Group 993 Hospitality, who also own Classic Jacks and 1410, it features a modern kitchen offering globally-inspired bites, and a bar that boasts some eye-opening (and mouth-watering) hand-crafted cocktails. This sophisticated space is the perfect place to chill out with friends and colleagues.



Shakespeare in the Park: June 27 – August 10

Shakespeare in the Park is returning to Prince's Island Park, with performances of A Midsummer Night's Dream Wednesdays through Sundays at 7 p.m., from June 27 to August 10 (weather permitting). Celebrating its 25th season, it features a top-notch cast and crew comprised of Mount Royal's Theatre Arts students and Theatre Calgary professionals. Note: Saturday and Sunday shows are cancelled this weekend because of Canada Day celebrations.



Maple Canadian Flavoured Art Show: June 29

If you're looking for an evening with a bit of Canadian flavour, head to Village Brewery (5000 12 Ave. St. SE) between 7 p.m. and midnight for the Maple Canadian Flavoured Art Show. Not only will there be talented paintings, photography and concrete art on display, there will also be live music, Village Brewery beer and the city's movers and shakers. If you are curious about the art, why not ask the artists? They will also be in attendance.



East Village Glow and Show: June 30

Love cycling? As part of Cyclepalooza, East Village will be hosting a Glow Ride, followed by an outdoor showing of The Goonies. Head to the Simmons Building (618 Confluence Way, SE) for 9:30 p.m. and grab your complimentary glow sticks for a ride on the RiverWalk. After, relax on a blanket as you watch this classic flick, which will be projected on the side of Simmons.



Canada Day – July 1

Looking to celebrate Canada Day? There is tons of stuff happening Sunday to suit any interest, so you know the city is going to be electric! Check out outdoor events happening throughout Calgary at Olympic Plaza, Stephen Avenue, RiverWalk, and Prince's Island Park.

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"Security, affordability, convenience and location are all big benefits to owning a condo," says Kathy McCormick, director of communications with the Canadian Home Builders' Association.

McCormick says condo living has become very popular among single women because most condo buildings offer some sort of security, whether it is locks on the entrances of apartment-style condos, to security cameras in and around the property.

Condos also tend to be more afford-



able. A lot of new homebuyers simply look to what they can afford when getting into the market.

"It is a good place for starters to get into home ownership," says McCormick.

"As prices of real estate go up, buying a condo is much more affordable than a single-family home."

By going with a homebuilder, you will be able to add upgrades to your home to suit your style and budget.

McCormick does suggest making sure to research the condo fees before making any kind of commitment.

"Condo fees will be a factor in your decision. They must fit in your budget."

She warns if they are too low, the builders might not have enough money in their reserve fund in case anything major were to happen.

Too high and you have been priced out of a new home.

For people looking for a more convenient lifestyle, something close to downtown, shopping or even near their place of work, condos seem to be a popular choice, according to McCormick.

Condo living is even ideal for snowbirds, those who like to spend their summers in Canada and their winters in warmer destinations.

"It is kind of a lock it and leave it

situation," says McCormick.

McCormick adds that buying from a builder means your new condo will be covered under some sort of warranty.

She does recommend checking into each builder to see what type of service program they offer for homeowners after they have purchased their new home.

Researching builders is always a good idea. Take the time to find one that matches what you are looking for in a home and is easy to work with.

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Imagine living near plenty of natural green space, being able to walk, jog, or bicycle near both Fish Creek Park and on the pathway system along the Bow River, and having the new 18-hole Blue Devil Golf Club all within walking distance in the picturesque surroundings of Chaparral Valley.

Despite its tranquil and somewhat secluded location, there is the convenience of being close to amenities such as public transportation, shopping, dining, a variety of schools and easy access to Deerfoot Trail, Macleod Trail and Highway 22X. Cardel Lifestyles envisioned such a community as this when it started building townhomes in Riverside in 2010.

Riverside Townhomes — a 95-townhome, 15-building complex that is located in the Genstar Development Co. community of Chaparral Valley — is just south of Highway 22X between the Bow River and Lake Chaparral, and offers three-bedroom townhomes priced from \$266,900 (plus GST), all with garages. Most of the units back onto the park. Square footage for the three-bedroom units range from 1,363 to 1,418.

The two models at Riverside give customers the opportunity to see and feel what kind of townhome in which they would like to live. Features such as knock-down ceilings; shaker, maple or white cabinets; upgraded lighting fixtures; durable, upgraded drawer designs in kitchens; large profile baseboards, a more modern interior door style; and five appliances are all part of what Cardel Lifestyles has done at Riverside to improve upon standard specifications without increasing prices.

“To see a community like this come to fruition after envisioning what it could be is very satisfying,” says Tim Logel,



president and partner of Cardel Lifestyles.

“In Riverside, we found everything important in a community that happens to be in a special location, nestled at the base of the Bow River Valley and surrounded by protected green spaces. With the new 18-hole Blue Devil Golf Club scheduled to open this summer, there is a lot of interest from buyers to live in this community.”

With the stylish townhomes and all the services and amenities available, Riverside is ideal for residents to enjoy the best of everything in both their home and in the area. The continued low interest rates and the low prices make having access to all this irresistibly affordable.

All of the townhomes have three bedrooms with 1.5 to 2.5 bathrooms, with the option of dual master bedrooms being made with an attached ensuite. Models also have wood front verandahs and oversized rear decks that give the residents the advantage of enjoying their scenic surroundings.

In addition, Cardel Lifestyles just completed a central plaza feature in the middle of the complex with a gazebo and more green space where people can gather.



MORE INFO

BUILDER: Cardel Lifestyles

DEVELOPER: Genstar Development Co.

AREA: Chaparral Valley in the southeast at the base of the Bow River Valley and surrounded by protected green spaces.

- Proximity to shopping, dining, and recreation amenities.
- Across the street from the new 18-hole Blue Devil Golf Club with plans for a driving range and golf training area with 9-hole course for kids and/or instruction with plans to open this summer.
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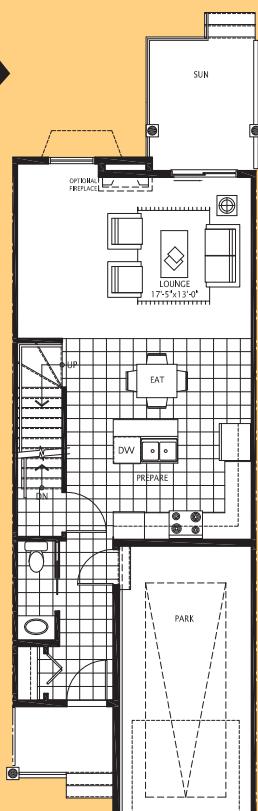
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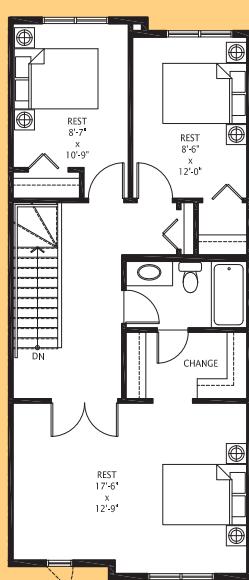
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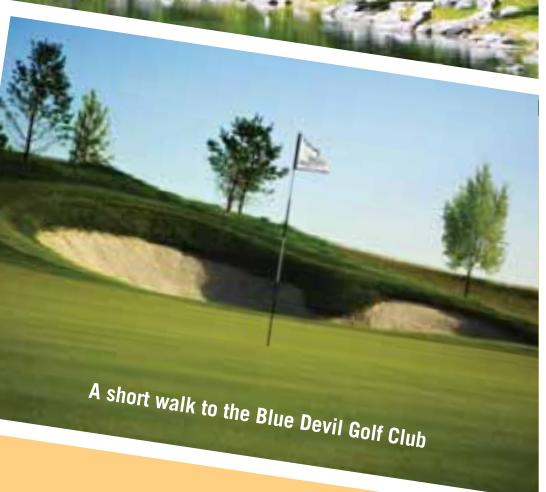
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“Everyone in the building has a different life story. Those people and their stories make up the whole building, just like many pixels make up a digital image,” says Traci Wilson, sales and marketing director at Battistella. “The neighbourhood of Kensington is a very eclectic mix of



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PIXEL by Battistella at 9a Street and 2nd Avenue NW is part of the bigger picture, too; the building will be BuiltGreen™ certified, providing a more sustainable way

to live. It’s a walker’s paradise as it’s only one block from the Sunnyside C-train station, Safeway, the Bow River and is right in the heart of Kensington. A car-share vehicle will also be parked right outside of PIXEL, offering the convenience of a car without the burden of owning one.

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Historic CFL season set to kick off

CFL. Looking at where the league's eight teams stand heading into the new season



CFL EXTRA POINTS
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A tumultuous CFL off-season is over and a historic campaign is about to kick off. Let's take a quick look at how the teams stack up in the chase for the 100th Grey Cup championship Nov. 25 in Toronto.

B.C. Lions. Defending Grey Cup champs lost head coach Wally Buono to the front office in the off-season, but replacement Mike Benevides should make a smooth transition in filling the shoes of a legend.

The Lions also lost defensive mainstays DL Brent Johnson, CB Davis Sanchez, LB Solomon Elimimian and DT Aaron Hunt. The champs are unlikely to repeat.

Calgary Stampeders. The Stamps experienced significant upheaval over the

winter, choosing to make major changes to the roster in an effort to get younger and quicker.

The Stamps dealt former CFL most-outstanding player QB Henry Burris, and released both RB Joffrey Reynolds and WR Ken-Yon Rambo. Key will be the emergence of new starting pivot Drew Tate, who assumed the No. 1 role late last season.

Saskatchewan Roughriders. After just five wins last season, the Riders not only brought in new head coach Corey Chamblin but also gutted much of their 2011 roster.

Now Chamblin has to hope QB Darian Durant, whose numbers slipped last season, can regain his form behind an improved O-line and the return of trustworthy WR Rob Bagg.

Edmonton Eskimos. Fans are fuming over the trade of QB Ricky Ray to Toronto, and it won't take long to find out whether well-travelled pivot Steven Jyles can find a home in Edmonton.

The move opened up cap space for the Eskimos, but that doesn't matter if Jyles falls

on his face wearing Green and Gold.

Edmonton fans have always had great expectations but little patience.

Montreal Alouettes. The Als defence was crushed in the East final last fall, forcing significant changes in the offseason. Montreal brought in new D co-ordinator Jeff Reinebold, who will likely implement a 3-4 defence. QB Anthony Calvillo, who enters his 19th CFL season and turns 40 this year, will once again have to answer doubters who feel his career must be coming to an end.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats. The addition of QB Henry Burris, reunited with head coach George Cortez, made Stettler headlines in the off-season. And the signing of SB Andy Fantuz to a fleet-footed receiving corps suggests the Tabbies could contend for the Grey Cup.

The Cats still have question marks on defence, but may have enough talent to earn a ticket to Toronto in November.

Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The team with the longest Grey Cup drought faltered in the big game last



Calgary QB Drew Tate throws the ball against the Saskatchewan Roughriders in Calgary Oct. 21, 2011. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

November, the final clash for DT Doug Brown, who retired and now wears make-up on TSN.

The Bombers might be the deepest team at QB this season with Buck Pierce, Alex Brink and Joey Elliot.

Construction delays with their new stadium (which now won't open until 2013) force the Bombers to start the season with four road games. They could find themselves in an early hole.

Toronto Argos. The addition of QB Ricky Ray is supposed to spark the Double Blue to a hometown Grey Cup.

Under the guidance of new head coach Scott Milanovich, the former Montreal offensive co-ordinator, the Argos offence should be better than in recent years. The addition of former Calgary defensive co-ordinator Chris Jones, whose pressure schemes were legendary in Cowtown, will make Toronto's D tougher to attack.

SPORTS

NBA draft

"My arm was shaking and my hands were sweaty. Got up and hugged Michael, my best friend, wanted to hug him for a minute"

After the New Orleans Hornets made the long-expected selection of forward Anthony Davis by the first pick, Charlotte followed by taking fellow freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. They went 1-2 in the NBA draft having played together for the Kentucky Wildcats.

"I was shocked at first."

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web



After Middleweight title-holder Anderson Silva promised to break his challenger's legs, the UFC was quick to respond — with a press release to make sure everyone was aware of the outburst. Scan the code for the story.

Euro 2012. Balotelli boots Italy past Germany

Goals

- Italy: Balotelli (20', 36')
- Germany: Ozil (90'+2')

Athletics

Zelinka breaks her own record

Jessica Zelinka is heading to the London Olympics on the heels of a Canadian-record performance.

The 30-year-old from London, Ont., broke her own national heptathlon record Thursday en route to winning the Canadian Olympic track-and-field trials for her seventh national title.

"I don't think it's quite sunken in," said Zelinka, who lives and trains in Calgary, which is hosting the trials. THE CANADIAN PRESS

striker received the ball behind the defence and blasted a long shot into the top right corner.

Mesut Ozil scored a consolation penalty in injury time after a handball.

Italy will face defending champion Spain in Sunday's final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL. Crosby to ink \$104.4M US, 12-year extension with Pens

Sidney Crosby's superstitious nature and desire to win another Stanley Cup appear to have worked in favour of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

While the \$104.4-million US, 12-year contract extension he agreed to on Thursday is clearly a massive haul, the NHL's most recognizable player could certainly have fetched more. Consider that the new deal will carry the exact same \$8.7-million annual cap hit as his current one.

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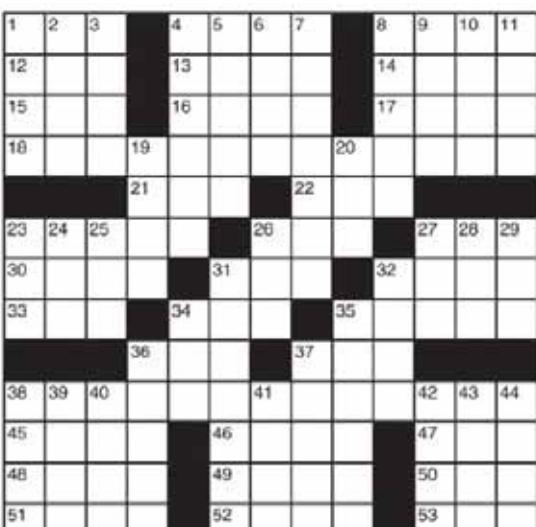


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Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

TYLJ NLUNKL YZPL BU BASV
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UI VZSK RKSNNLAM?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CARPENTER DIDN'T PUT ENOUGH STAMPS ON THE PACKAGE, SO IT GOT MARKED "RETURN TO SANDER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals P

How to play



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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Being a can-do Aries, you always believe that nothing is beyond you but don't fall into the trap of thinking that success will come easy.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

This may be a difficult 24 hours for you but you can make things easier for yourself by not thinking and acting as if you are a victim.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Times are good and about to get even better, and those who say otherwise are either too shortsighted to see the truth or enjoy talking you down.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

The Sun in your sign at odds with Pluto today means you're going to have to choose between two vastly different options. Choose the one with which you're most comfortable.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

There may be times you don't take life too seriously but today even the smallest issue will be expanded in your eyes to world-shattering importance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You may be a stickler for the rules but today take whatever shortcuts you can to get from where you are to where you need to be.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You will have to trust someone's judgment and let them take the lead role in whatever task you are jointly involved. Don't try to offer advice just watch closely and learn.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Can you change the habits of a lifetime? You'll find out today as Pluto, your ruler, is opposed by the Sun, forcing you to adapt to situations you know little if anything about.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

21. Be assertive today and make sure you get what you believe you deserve. If it results in a fight, well, that's how it is sometimes.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

Make sure you are on top of the facts today because if you are not, you may make a serious error. However, once you do have all the facts, make your decision and stick with it.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

This may be an exciting time for you but today's Sun-Pluto link urges you not to take risks that can, with a bit of foresight, be easily avoided.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

The Sun in Cancer boosts your self-belief but you need to tread carefully, especially when dealing with people whose outlook on life is very different to your own. **SALLY BROMPTON**

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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Mel

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